

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR ALBERT SHINGIRO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI ON THE OCCASION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON HAITI

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Mister/Madam Chair, Distinguished Participants, all protocol observed

- 1) **I thank you for having organized this meeting** of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to explore, in unison of approach and vision, concrete and sustainable ways and means to support Haiti, a country that is going through a complex, asymmetrical and multidimensional crisis that it cannot solve alone without the support of the international community.
- 2) **I would like to commend the recent developments**, including the formation of a Transitional Presidential Council and the appointment of Prime Minister Dr. Garry Conille, whom I respectfully welcome in passing, as well as the efforts to hold elections and stabilize the country. However, for these initiatives to succeed, it is imperative that the international community act in a concerted and coherent manner.
- 3) **The difficult and complex situation** on the ground with the presence of well-organized gangs requires a robust and coordinated international response to fight these outlaws who sow terror and desolation among defenseless civilian populations, including women, children and other vulnerable groups.

- 4) **In this context**, Burundi, which has already deployed its police contingent in the past in that country, reaffirms once again its commitment to make its contribution to the peace and security edifice still under construction through the deployment of its police and military forces if the situation so requires. The French language and knowledge of Haitian culture would be an asset for our forces to carry out their mission.
- 5) **It would also be crucial** to complement security measures with a comprehensive and holistic approach focused on sustainable development and long-term resilience by addressing the root causes of the crisis.
- 6) **Finally**, I would like to thank Canada for its leadership in mobilizing partners for active international solidarity to enable Haiti to create necessary conditions for lasting peace and inclusive development.

Thank you for your kind attention!