

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

REMARKS

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A3 PLUS STATEMENT OF POSITION AT THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2785 (2025) ON THE UN INTEGRATED OFFICE IN HAITI (BINUH)

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Thank you, Mr. President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the A3+, namely, Algeria, Guyana, Somalia, and my own country, Sierra Leone.

We welcome the unanimous adoption of resolution 2785 (2025) extending the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) until January 31, 2026.

We thank Panama and the United States for facilitating the negotiations and extend our appreciation to the delegations that supported our call for stronger language in the text, signalling the Council's intention to consider, without delay, the Secretary-General's recommendations on increased UN support to Haiti with the urgency the situation demands.

The A3+ reiterates its full support for the renewal of BINUH's mandate and looks forward to engaging fellow Council members soon

on the proposals for an enhanced role for BINUH in supporting the political transition in Haiti and in bolstering enforcement action against the gangs.

We acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the BINUH team in executing their mandate and trying to make a tangible difference in the lives of the Haitian people, despite the personal and operational challenges stemming from the dangerous environment in which the Mission is forced to operate.

In this respect, we have taken note of the steps taken by the UN Secretariat to adapt the implementation of the Mission's mandate to the changed operating environment in Haiti and the four strategic measures outlined to ensure a more focused and impactful mission. We underscore the need to ensure that the Mission is adequately resourced and equipped to support the Haitian-led efforts to restore security and stability, including by strengthening national

institutions, building the capacity of the HNP, and supporting political dialogue, justice reforms, and community violence reduction *inter alia,* now and for the longer term.

I Thank You.