

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 12 February 2024 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the following communications.

The notes verbales dated 3 October 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations, 10 January 2024 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, 24 January 2024 from the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations and 26 January 2024 from the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations (see annexes I–IV) contain offers to provide personnel and other forms of assistance to the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti authorized by the Security Council in its resolution [2699 \(2023\)](#).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annexes to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**



Annex I

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations has the honour to notify the Department of Peace Operations of the Secretariat of the United Nations of the readiness of the Government of the Republic of Chad to contribute troops and formed police units to the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti, the establishment and deployment of which were decided upon by United Nations Security Council resolution [2699 \(2023\)](#) dated 2 October 2023.

At the same time, the Permanent Mission of Chad to the United Nations would like to confirm to the Department of Peace Operations that Chad has already increased its capacity in terms of major equipment, self-sustainment and personnel training, while drawing lessons from its participation in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) over the last 10 years.

Whatever the size of the unit, the mission to be carried out on the ground or the deployment deadline, Chad, in view of its contribution to peace operations and its excellent collaboration with the United Nations, stands ready to contribute to the Multinational Security Support Mission.

Annex II

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York, with reference to Security Council resolution [2699 \(2023\)](#) regarding the deployment of Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti, has the honour to register the interest of the Government of Bangladesh in joining the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York has the further honour to inform the Executive Office of the Secretary-General that the Government of Bangladesh is ready to provide personnel in the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti.

Annex III

The Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the decision of the Government of Barbados to provide support to the United Nations Security Council-mandated Multinational Security Support Mission for Haiti.

In this regard, the Government of Barbados has determined that the referenced support will be in the form of security personnel, dispatched in coordination with the Regional Security System for the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados will also provide additional in-kind support in the form of training and capacity-building to the Haitian Government on the basis of jointly identified objectives.

The Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations looks forward to providing additional details on the specifics of Barbados' support in the near future.

Annex IV

The Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas has committed to providing security assistance to the Republic of Haiti, in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 2699 (2023) and in collaboration with bilateral and regional partners.

As outlined in resolution 2699 (2023), the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti has been authorized to provide operational, static and training support to the Haitian National Police in countering gangs and conducting joint security operations. The Bahamas will contribute through the deployment of law enforcement personnel to the Haiti Multinational Security Support Mission. The Bahamian contingent will comprise 150 law enforcement personnel to support efforts to improve security conditions in Haiti and build the capacity of the Haitian National Police and its operational unit, the Haitian Coast Guard Commission.

The Bahamas will provide training, capacity-building and joint planning and exercises through the following framework:

- Joint operations and capacity-building. The contingent will engage in joint security operations and assist in developing the investigative and community policing skills of the Haitian National Police. This effort aims to uphold public safety and order, including arrest and detention procedures, as necessary.
- Maritime, waterside and port security. Bahamian officers will collaborate with the Haitian National Police and the Haitian Coast Guard to bolster maritime, waterside and port security, respectively, ensuring the safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid.

We believe that supporting local ownership of Haiti's national security, inclusive of maritime security, waterside and port security, is essential for Haiti's long-term stability. All operations on land and sea, training, planning and joint exercises by the Bahamian contingent will be in full compliance with international human rights law and international humanitarian law, in order to protect the civilian population receiving assistance and to prevent the loss of life. The Bahamas is committed to ensuring that the Mission is set up in a manner that protects the safety, security and well-being of those deployed and looks forward to agreeing on a status-of-protection agreement for multinational forces with bilateral partners.

Our contribution reaffirms the Bahamas' commitment to supporting stability and respect for human rights in Haiti, particularly facilitating the necessary conditions for holding free and fair elections and the provision of humanitarian assistance by land and sea. This commitment is extended also by the administrative, logistical, financial and security support provided by the Government of the Bahamas to the CARICOM Eminent Persons Group in facilitating political dialogue among Haitian stakeholders.

We value the leadership role that the United Nations continues to play in coordinating international support and solidarity for Haiti and encourage the United Nations to continue to employ its good offices to encourage voluntary contributions and support from individual United Nations Member States.