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**Letter dated 8 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to express the Dominican Republic's profound disagreement with the decision of the Security Council to hold the meeting on the situation in Haiti in a private format.

The Dominican Republic understands the rules of procedure of the Security Council and must follow them. However, given the magnitude of the recent events and the current crisis in Haiti owing to the assassination of its President, we strongly believe that the Council should have invited the Dominican Republic to participate in this meeting, given that our country will be the one most affected if this crisis spills over Haiti's border.

It should be borne in mind that we are two countries sharing an island and an extensive land border. In the current context, the Dominican Republic is directly affected and its national security is potentially under threat.

We reiterate that our country's participation in this meeting was imperative, as well as that of other Member States, particularly those from our region, in order to express our concerns and interest in the situation.

We therefore attach herewith the position of the Dominican Republic on the current situation in Haiti (see annex) and would be grateful if this could be brought to the attention of the members of the Council and circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) José A. Blanco  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 8 July 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

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**Statement by the Dominican Republic at the United Nations following the assassination of the President of the Republic of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse**

**New York, 8 July 2021**

The Dominican Republic regrets and condemns in the strongest terms the assassination of the President of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse.

In the face of this deplorable event, we wish to express our deepest condolences to the people and Government of Haiti, and to the families of those affected.

We also trust that justice can act swiftly to establish responsibility and bring to justice all those involved in this assassination.

This criminal act can only contribute to further destabilizing our neighbouring country, which is already affected by a prolonged political crisis, in addition to a high level of public insecurity, which we have been pointing out since our participation as a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

In addition, this reality reflects the prolonged situation of instability in which Haiti finds itself, which has been worsened by the dire effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Hence the need for the international community, once and for all, to take up the issue of Haiti as a top priority and to monitor it continuously, for the benefit not only of the region but of the international community itself.

Similarly, we request the necessary assistance so that the authorities of Haiti can guarantee security to the Haitian people and prevent this instability from spreading to our own country and the rest of the region.

We reiterate our call to urgently provide the humanitarian assistance needed by the Haitian people. This must not be postponed any longer. Ignoring this grave situation must not be an option in the case of Haiti.

We take this opportunity to express our profound disagreement with the Security Council's decision to hold this meeting on the situation in Haiti in a private format.

The Dominican Republic is aware of the rules of procedure of the Security Council and respects them. However, given the magnitude of the events and the current crisis in Haiti, a country with which we share an extensive land border, we believe that the Security Council should have invited our country to participate actively, given that we would be the country most affected if this crisis spills over Haiti's borders.

In the current context, the Dominican Republic is directly impacted by this situation, which represents a threat to our national security.

Lastly, we recognize the work done by the Security Council for international peace and security and, in this regard, we reiterate the willingness of the Dominican Government to work together with the Council for the benefit of the political and social stability of our entire region.