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Situation of human rights in Haiti

At the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held from 27 February to 23 March 2012, during consideration of agenda item 10, entitled "Technical assistance and capacity-building", the President of the Council made the following statement:

1. The Human Rights Council welcomes the latest legal and political developments in Haiti, marked notably by the appointment of 11 of the 12 judges of the Court of Cassation, including its president.
2. The Council also welcomes the Haitian authorities' plans to build housing for victims of the 12 January 2010 earthquake. It further welcomes the establishment of a special fund for children's schooling in Haiti.
3. The Council applauds the reaffirmation of the Haitian authorities' commitment and determination to improve the living conditions of Haitian women and men, including by paying greater attention to respect for human rights.
4. The Council also applauds the priorities set by the President of the Republic, which include the rule of law, education, the environment and employment, and urges donors to honour their commitments without delay.
5. The Council is aware of the many obstacles to development in Haiti and of the difficulties encountered by its leaders in the daily governance of the country. It recognizes that the full enjoyment of human rights — both civil and political and economic, social and cultural — is a factor in peace, stability and progress in Haiti.
6. The Council encourages the international community as a whole, and in particular international donors, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the countries known as the Friends of Haiti, and United Nations specialized agencies, to step up their cooperation with the Haitian authorities for the full realization of human rights.

7. The Council welcomes the request of the Haitian authorities to have the mission of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti extended by one year until March 2013, and decides to approve this request.

8. The Council requests the independent expert to work with international institutions, donors and the international community with a view to their providing expertise and sufficient resources to support the Haitian authorities' efforts to rebuild the country.

9. The Council invites the independent expert to draw on his experience and expertise to further the cause of human rights in Haiti, with particular emphasis on economic, social and cultural rights.

10. The Council also invites the independent expert to pursue his mission in Haiti and to report thereon to the Council at its twenty-third session. It encourages the Haitian authorities to cooperate fully with the independent expert.
