



Address by the Permanent Observer of Italy
to the Organization of American States
Ambassador Roberto Nocella

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We would like to thank the delegation of Haiti and the General Secretariat of the OAS for having organized this symposium, which represents a call for action in light of the alarming situation in Haiti. The prolonged and worsening situation in the country has a huge impact primarily on the population, almost an unbearable impact for the Haitian population. It is also undermining the sovereignty of the country, and there are security consequences for the entire region.

We thank the two ministers present today, the Minister of Public Security and Justice and the Minister of Defense, and the senior official of the U.S. State Department for their presentations. Italy has worked constantly to highlight the gravity of the situation in Haiti in all relevant international organizations and fora, such as the UN, the Organization of the American States, the G20, the G7 and the European Union.

In this context, Italy deems necessary the following:

- to continue supporting the transitional institutions in Haiti;
- to continue supporting the UN Integrated Office in Haiti and the Multinational Security Support Mission. In this regard, we also acknowledge the important role played by the OAS local office;
- to maintain open the humanitarian channels in favor of the Haitian population (in this context I also want to highlight the presence in Haiti of Italian non-governmental organizations);
- the fight against corruption, which is essential to strengthen the Haitian institutions;
- Last but not least, to continue supporting the efforts to reach general elections by February 2026, although we recognize that the path towards this goal is very difficult.

In this respect, we would like to ask the two ministers where we stand in terms of the constitutional reform process. After the meetings and

contacts with the Venice Commission, it was mentioned today that the draft constitution is ready: we would like to have more information about this and on the referendum to approve the proposal.

Thank you.

Roberto Nocella