## <u>Secretary-General welcomes launch of</u> new UN mission in Haiti

16 October 2017 — United Nations <u>Secretary-General</u> António Guterrs welcomed the establishment Monday of the UN Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (<u>MINUJUSTH</u>), following the closure of its predecessor peacekeeping mission.

"MINUJUSTH reflects the commitment of the United Nations to continue supporting the consolidation of peace and promotion of stability in Haiti," said a <u>statement</u> issued by Mr. Guterres' Spokesman, Stéphane Dujarric.

The closure of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) is "a testament to Haiti's progress over the past 13 years," the statement said.

In the statement, the Secretary-General extended his gratitude to all civilian and uniformed personnel who served with MINUSTAH, as well as to troop and police contributing countries.

MINUJUSTH will assist the Haitian Government to strengthen rule of law institutions, further develop the capacities of the national police and advance human rights.

"The Secretary-General is confident that the Haitian people and Government will work in close partnership with MINUJUSTH and the United Nations country team, to implement together joint priorities based on [UN Security Council] resolution 2350 (2017) and reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," the statement said.