**National Statement by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor during the 3rd UPR Review of Haiti**

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**Mr. President,**

We thank the delegation of Haiti for the comprehensive presentation and commend its cooperation with the UPR mechanism.

Despite socio-economic impacts arising from COVID pandemic and climate change, we appreciate the commitment of the government and people of Haiti to counter these challenges.

We acknowledge efforts aimed at strengthening national human rights framework and promoting the enjoyment of human rights. However, we recognize the economic and financial constraints faced by Haiti as a small island developing state to make the required investments in education, health, employment, social protection and climate resilience.

We recommend Haiti to:

* Continue its efforts towards the finalization of National Action Plan on Human Rights.
* Seek international assistance and support in mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters.
* Continue with efforts to deal with COVID induced socio-economic challenges, strengthen social protection system and tap into financing opportunities for progress towards achieving SDGs.

I thank you.