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Dear Mr. President,

As demonstrations continue in Haiti, we call on your government to guarantee the right to freedom of expression and assembly of those protesting.

We are deeply concerned by reports of human rights violations, including alleged extrajudicial executions, by the National Police and Security Unit of the National Palace in the context of the protests on 9 and 10 June. The reported killing of a radio journalist on 10 June is a threat to freedom of expression.

We also welcome the prompt opening of an investigation by the National Police, after a video emerged on social media which appeared to show men dressed in Haitian police uniforms stoning a man lying on the floor.

We call on your government to ensure that police restrain from using excess force, insist that authorities promptly investigate all allegations of human rights violations, and bring those suspected of criminal responsibility to justice.

Yours sincerely,