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**Haitian President
H.E. Joseph Michel Martelly's speech**

Haiti has always been at the tail end in many statistical categories in the Americas: it is the most vulnerable territory in the Caribbean region. Equally exposed to natural disasters as most of its neighbors, death toll and property destruction are usually heavier in Haiti.

For many decades, Haiti has been hit by many disasters and that is not a coincidence. Increased number of hurricanes, heavy storms, droughts, results of climate change, affect and which will continue to disturb our island and our sister countries of the Caribbean. Climate change will be devastating for Haiti which is desperately trying to build food security for its people, and to design land use policy to the benefit of our children and grandchildren, allowing them to live in a safe and healthy environment, away from overflowing ravines and rivers, without the harm of housing collapse at the slightest earthquake.

Resilience is not accepting the caprices of Mother Nature. Rather, resilience is managing our natural environment in a responsible manner for the benefits and betterment of all. In the process of elaborating Haiti's strategic plan for resilience to climate change we have gotten closer to our Caribbean neighbors and other people of the world. We are fully committed the principles of resilience. This is the reason for the participation of our high-level delegation at today's meeting. This is the purpose of my commitment to Haitian institutions involved in its implementation.

Thank you for your support.