ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti discusses the evolving situation in the country

On 31 October 2019, the ECOSOC Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti held an extraordinary meeting in New York to discuss the evolving situation in the country as well as possible efforts that could be taken by the Group in support of Haiti. The Group was briefed via video conference by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Haiti, Ms. Helen La Lime, and the acting Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Fernando Hiraldo.

The meeting – chaired by the AHAG Chair (Canada) – was called against the backdrop of ongoing massive street linked to chronic fuel shortages, deteriorating socio-economic conditions, and political deadlock. This renewed period of instability has negatively impacted the social, economic and humanitarian situation in the country.

The AHAG is mandated to follow closely and provide advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention paid to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for the country (E/RES/2019/32) and provides annual reports to the Economic and Social Council. Its last report (E/2019/80) was considered by ECOSOC in July 2019.