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**CERTIFICATION RELATED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF HAITI
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND
RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017**

Pursuant to section 7045(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 (Div. J, Pub. L. 115-31), I hereby certify that the central Government of Haiti is taking effective steps, which are in addition to steps taken since the certification and report submitted on April 4, 2016, if applicable, to:

- strengthen the rule of law in Haiti, including by selecting judges in a transparent manner based on merit; reducing pre-trial detention; respecting the independence of the judiciary; and improving governance by implementing reforms to increase transparency and accountability, including through the penal and criminal codes;
- combat corruption, including by implementing the anti-corruption law enacted in 2014 and prosecuting corrupt officials;
- increase government revenues, including by implementing tax reforms, and increase expenditures on public services; and
- resolve commercial disputes between United States entities and the Government of Haiti.

Rex Tillerson,

Secretary of State.

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