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## CANADA TO EXTEND SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Canada will further restrict international financial transactions between Canada and Haiti. The decision took effect on August 17.

"This will effectively prevent any banking between Canada and Haiti. Our objective is to ensure the total isolation of the de facto regime in Haiti," said Mr. Ouellet.

This latest step responds to a recommendation by the Organization of American States contained in its June 7 resolution that member states suspend international financial transactions with Haiti.

Under the new sanctions, Canadian financial institutions are prohibited from providing services related to international financial transactions to any person in Haiti. Exceptions to the prohibition are allowed for humanitarian and diplomatic reasons. Canada had previously banned the provision of financial services to, and frozen the assets of, members of the de facto regime.

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