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McDOUGALL WELCOMES UN RESOLUTION ON HAITI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today welcomed the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of a resolution condemning the repeated human rights violations in Haiti, and calling on the UN Secretary-General to take measures to help solve the crisis.

"Canada has worked hard to bring the Haitian situation before the UN," said Mrs. McDougall, "and we will now push for consideration and action by the Security Council."

The Minister noted that the resolution, adopted by consensus yesterday, follows an appeal made on November 10 by the Organization for American States (OAS) for increased United Nations involvement in the Haitian question. It asks the UN Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly in mid-February on the action he has taken and on the situation in Haiti at that time. In addition to calling for close co-operation between the United Nations and the OAS, the resolution urges member countries of the UN to support the OAS embargo, in particular by cutting off supplies of arms, ammunition and petroleum.

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