important point for us. Thank you.

MCDOUGALL: We are relatively new members of the OAS but when Aristide...when the coup against Aristide succeeded, the Prime Minister was among the first to condemn it. We have a large Haitian population in Canada. We are a French speaking country. So our links with Haiti are very strong. And I mean you know our French radio networks and television networks go into Haiti so there's an historic link there.

The Prime Minsiter was among the first and probably the first to condemn the overthrow. We were part of the monitoring of the election. We...I went to the foreign Ministers' meeting, I was one of the eight Ministers that went to Haiti. I was with Scott. We led in asking for very strong sanctions. President Aristide this week is at the Francophonie, as the head of the government of Haiti and the Prime Minister met with him for half an hour. He's coming to Canada in the middle of December, I think. I have sat in the meeting with Mr. Aristide with the eight foreign Ministers from the UN. We developed our sanctions policy. We at this moment have 20 Haitians sitting in our Embassy in Port-au-Prince trying to get us to give them asylum. Oh yes, we're very involved.

And we feel very strongly about it. This is a place where...but you see the process is once again an instructive one. We're all reaching out to each other trying to develop democracies and the interesting thing about the OAS is how strongly the organization feels about this, many of whom have strong armies themselves. And who are new democracies and new to the market system. And so how we respond to Haiti