

Country-Specific Questions: Haiti

QUESTION

What is Canada's role in the UN mission to Haiti? Has the security situation changed?

SUGGESTED REPLY

- With the end of the UN's peacekeeping missions on November 30, 1997, the Security Council created unanimously a new UN Police Mission in Haiti for one year.
- With up to 300 civilian police from some 10 countries, it is assisting the fledging Haitian national police to manage personnel and materiel and to train specialized corps and units.
- Canada is providing 24 civilian police officers to MIPONUH to serve as mentors and trainers and 6 personnel carriers for the special emergency unit.
- In addition, as part of Canada's bilateral aid program, some 22 non-uniformed police experts are providing management support to the Haitian national police and teach at the police academy.
- Canada also supports the joint UN/OAS human rights mission, recently renewed until the end of 1998. The UN Development Program, and international financial institutions like the World Bank and IMF are also present in Haiti.
- We have no information to suggest much change in the security situation in Haiti since the departure of the UN troops. We have it under constant review.