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In view of the events yesterday in Haiti, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, said today: "We do not accept yesterday's event as a democratic verdict in Haiti. The Haitian people have made their own very clear statement about their election process with their very low turnout at the polls. We regret that the aspirations of the Haitian people have been frustrated. The Haitian authorities must take responsibility for the miscarriage of the electoral process.

Our relationship with Haiti, including development assistance, will be reviewed. As Madame Monique Landry indicated last Friday, the Canadian Ambassador to Haiti will return to Canada this week to assist the Cabinet in this review. Our disappointment with the electoral process will not divert us from helping the Haitian people. Clearly this is a time when the Haitian people need help from countries such as Canada".

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