

Facilitation Office of Canada have been instructed that funds, credits and advice are no longer to be made available for applications involving Haiti.

Fourth, activities relating to Haiti are no longer eligible for funding under the Program for Export Market Development.

Fifth, the Trade Commissioner Service of External Affairs and International Trade Canada has suspended all assistance to exporters to Haiti.

Sixth, Canadian representatives at the multilateral development banks have been instructed to oppose any proposals for new credits or loans, or the provision of technical assistance to the illegitimate regime in Haiti; Canadian representatives at the International Monetary Fund have also been instructed to oppose any stand-by or credit any other arrangement for Haiti.

Seventh, federal government departments and relevant Crown corporations have been instructed to suspend activities involving Haiti.

Mr. Speaker, our aim in implementing these measures is not to increase the suffering of ordinary Haitians who are having a difficult time. Our quarrel is with the perpetrators of the coup, not with the Haitian people. For this reason, and consistent with the OAS resolutions, Canada will continue to provide humanitarian assistance through multilateral and non-governmental organizations.

Finally Mr. Speaker, this government will shortly introduce legislation that will allow Canada to freeze all assets of the Haitian government in Canada. We have already advised financial institutions in Canada to exercise special prudence so as to ensure any unauthorized transfer of Haitian government funds does not occur.

It is especially heartening that the Organization of American States has seized this occasion to assume its proper role in the maintenance of hemispheric security and the defence of democratic values so dearly won in this hemisphere. All active OAS members, with the exception of Haiti, now enjoy democratic government. Many countries in this hemisphere, however, have military establishments with a tradition of interference in civil affairs. The governments of these countries share our determination to send a clear message to military establishments and others: the nations of this hemisphere, acting through the OAS, will not tolerate interference in the democratic process.

Canada's goal is simple, and through these actions our determination must be clear to everyone. With the measures I have just announced, we have gone as far as any country in the hemisphere in responding to the OAS call for a strong signal to the regime in Port au Prince that we will not tolerate that the will of the Haitian people will be thwarted. Together with our OAS partners, we are determined to restore democracy in Haiti.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.