

REGIONAL ISSUES

Haiti

- Canada supports the OAS/CARICOM Joint Mission to Haiti, which we hope will clear the way for an end to the crisis.
- This mission is a direct outcome of PM Chrétien's plea during his closing address to the Summit of the Americas as Chair of the session.
- Canada demands that the government of Haiti and the opposition resume their dialogue. It is the responsibility of all the Haitian political players to prevent violence and intimidation, as well as accomplished facts and "all or nothing" positions.
- We demand that President Aristide take specific action to follow up on the commitments he has made; and that all players negotiate seriously and in good faith.
- Canada wants to continue supporting the Haitian people in their development, but the political situation in that country and the actions of the Haitian government will affect our ability to do so.