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CANADA WELCOMES UN DECISION TO STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS ON HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today welcomed the passage of a United Nations (UN) Security Council resolution that will impose a comprehensive trade embargo on Haiti. The embargo, which excludes food and medicines for humanitarian purposes, will come into effect on May 21, 1994.

"Canada has maintained consistently that a total, universally applied embargo on Haiti is necessary to force the military and *de facto* authorities to step down. I am greatly encouraged by the decision of the Security Council," said Mr. Ouellet.

In October 1993, Canada reimposed a UN oil, arms and assets embargo on Haiti. The new UN resolution will broaden these sanctions to include all goods traded with Haiti. Canada is already enforcing the comprehensive trade sanctions recommended by the Organization of American States (OAS).

Canada has provided almost \$40 million in humanitarian assistance to the Haitian people since the beginning of the crisis.

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