

randomly for abuse as warnings to others not to agitate for the return of Aristide and his government.

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada has been at the forefront of international efforts to restore the legitimate government to power in Haiti, and to correct the abuses of human rights in that country. Both bilaterally and within the OAS and UN fora, Canada has worked to maintain momentum on the issue and to garner support for resolutions on the situation.

In Canada's Human Rights statement delivered to the UNGA Third Committee on December 3 of this year, Ambassador Fréchette reaffirmed Canada's commitment to the restoration of the legitimate representatives of the Haitian people and to the end of the suffering and arbitrary extortion to which the Haitian people are victim. Ambassador Fréchette also promised Canada's support for UN and OAS efforts to aid the legitimate Haitian authorities in the area of human rights as soon as they return to power.

Canada welcomes the work of the CHR Rapporteur on Haiti, is studying the recommendations contained in his interim report, and looks forward to his final report to CHR.

Canada is participating in the OAS observer mission to Haiti which is mandated, inter alia, with examining human rights abuses. Canada continues to have ongoing contact with the representatives of President Aristide's government in exile.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Current efforts to restore democracy, particularly those involving the UN and possible Security Council action.