

places within the country have given rise to well-founded expressions of concern. A number of incidents involving former heads of sections, all relieved of their duties now, or members of FRAPH in the provinces are said to have occurred. Their presence may be felt in the course of the next parliamentary or presidential elections.

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada continued its strong support for Haitian democratic forces in exile and within the country in 1994. It was able to provide behind-the-scenes assistance to human rights advocacy groups, and did its utmost to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

Wishing to contribute effectively to the democratization process, Canada has agreed, at the request of President Aristide, to train about a hundred young expatriate Haitians in Canada for Haiti's future police force. The courses are given by the RCMP at its academy in Regina. Part of the training consists of an introduction to the concepts of fundamental freedoms and maintaining order in a democratic society.

Aside from its participation in the preparations to deploy UNMIH scheduled for the first quarter of 1995, under a bilateral accord with the Haitian government, Canada has loaned ten RCMP officers to establish an intermediate Haitian police force composed of members of the country's former armed forces. Beginning in January, the RCMP will also help to train permanent candidates for the Haitian police force, the vast majority of whom have never been members of the army or the police before. Canada also took part in preparing the curriculum, drawing on the experience acquired in training the police cadets in Regina.

Canada is concerned about the absence of concrete, visible measures with which to clearly convey to the former members of FRAPH and the armed forces that democracy has come to Haiti to stay. The confiscation of illegal weapons must be resumed, the judicial system must be reactivated, and the people must have access to justice if the bloodshed of the past is not to be repeated. We are prepared to work with the OAS, the UN and the Haitian government in setting up a "truth commission". We shall continue to support the activities of the Civilian Mission (MICIVIH) and of the organizations in charge of election preparations. Through the NGOs, we shall continue to finance support for human rights and good government.