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CANADA CO-SPONSORS UN RESOLUTION ON HAITI

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced today that the United Nations Security Council, acting on the advice of the Friends of Haiti, has passed a resolution that authorizes the international community to use all necessary means to restore Haiti's democratically-elected President.

"The message is clear: we will not give up on Haiti. Democracy must be restored," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canada co-sponsored the resolution with the United States, Argentina and France. The resolution authorizes member states to form a multinational force and to use all necessary means to implement the terms of the Governor's Island Agreement, including the departure of the *de facto* leaders, the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the deployment of the United Nations Mission to Haiti (UNMIH). The agreement also extends the UNMIH mandate for six more months and increases the size of the UNMIH force.

As one of the Friends of Haiti, Canada has participated from the beginning in international efforts to restore democracy and order in Haiti. Canada will take part in UNMIH once it is deployed, contributing to police training and to peacekeeping efforts. Discussions are taking place with the Friends and the United Nations Secretariat to determine the exact contribution that Canada will make.

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