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CANADA WELCOMES AGREEMENT ON PLAN TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN HAITI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, said today that Canada welcomes the agreement among Haitian leaders on the plan to restore democracy in Haiti.

"This is an important breakthrough and we call on all parties in Haiti to support this effort for a peaceful solution to the current crisis," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada fully supports this process; we see it as the best chance for a return to peace and democracy in Haiti," added the Minister.

Mrs. McDougall said that once democracy is restored, Canada will do its part to assist Haiti in its economic development.

The Minister praised the efforts of the Organization of American States Mediator on Haiti, Dr. Augusto Ramirez Ocampo, in facilitating the agreement. Dr. Ramirez Ocampo was in Ottawa on Monday with the Bolivian Foreign Minister, Mr. Carlos Iturralde, for consultations on the Haitian crisis.

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