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BEATTY CONDEMNS IZMERY ASSASSINATION

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty condemns the continuing human rights violations and political repression in Haiti, and especially the assassination on September 11 of Mr Antoine Izmary. According to eyewitness accounts, the killing was perpetrated by an organized group of armed civilians.

"These actions are contrary to the spirit and the letter of the July 3 Governors Island agreement, and they underline, once again, the urgent need to restore democracy in Haiti," Mr. Beatty said.

Canada holds the Haitian military authorities responsible for the restoration of public order and the protection of the basic human rights of the Haitian people.

Canada also holds the Haitian military authorities responsible for the security of Prime Minister Malval and the members of his government, particularly in view of the reported threats on their lives.

The international community is determined to see constitutional order restored in Haiti, with the return of President Aristide and the establishment of the rule of law.

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