

Canadians now in Haiti have a particular place in our thoughts today. Many are there to assist the people of Haiti to build a better future. We are concerned for them and we will ensure that any steps that may become necessary are taken to ensure their well-being. There are Canadian naval vessels currently exercising in the general area. Two of them have been instructed to move closer to Haiti in case they should be needed for purposes of evacuation. However, at the present time, there is no perceived need and this is simply a contingency measure. Our Embassy in Haiti is in close contact with the Canadian community and will keep us informed."