

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada strongly supported the return to democracy in Haiti and is currently the main contributor to the peacekeeping mission, with 750 soldiers and 100 police officers. We provided major financial and technical support to the National Truth Commission and to the latest elections. We co-sponsor consensus resolutions of the UN General Assembly and the UN Commission for Human Rights which request the UN and the OAS to continue to provide assistance to the Haitian government in the area of human rights.

On a bilateral basis, we are taking part in the reform of the legal system and in the training of the Haitian National Police. We are following developments in Haiti closely, and have, on several occasions, raised with members of the government, including President Préval, our concerns regarding the behaviour of certain members of the security forces. These interventions have led to concrete measures being taken by the Haitian authorities.