

CONTEXT



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CANADA'S RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN HAITI: A CHRONOLOGY

Links between Canada and Haiti were established during the first half of the 20th century, with the arrival of many Canadian missionaries. Since the Duvalier régime was overthrown, relations have become closer. Canada has participated in the efforts to encourage democratic development in this country. Elections Canada provided significant assistance to the 1990 general election. Canada has continued to support President Aristide and the legitimate government of Haiti, which is presently led by Prime Minister Robert Malval.

September 30, 1991: Canada issues a statement condemning the coup d'état in Haiti.

October 1, 1991: Canada suspends its bilateral co-operation program with Haiti.

October 2, 1991 : External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall attends an emergency meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington.

October 4-7, 1991: Canada takes part in an seven-country OAS mission to Haiti to try to convince the military to back down. A Canadian Armed Forces plane is made available to the mission by the Canadian government.

October 1991-March 1993: The OAS and the UN adopt nine resolutions on the state of democracy and human rights in Haiti. Canada co-sponsors more than half of those resolutions.

October 31, 1991: Amendments to the import control list, under the Export and Import Permits Act, are published in the *Canada Gazette*, adding Haiti to the area control list.

November 1991-August 1992: Canada participates in three OAS missions for humanitarian and conciliation purposes.

November 19-21, 1991: At the Francophone Summit, a resolution on Haiti is adopted. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney holds a bilateral meeting with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

November 20-December 31, 1991: The Canadian embassy in Port-au-Prince is occupied; the occupation ends peacefully.

December 9-10, 1991: President Aristide makes an official visit to Canada and meets with the Prime Minister and the External Affairs Minister. Canada reaffirms its support for the restoration of democracy in Haiti.

January 1992-March 1993: Canada provides \$15 million in humanitarian assistance to Haiti.

February 25, 1992: The External Affairs Minister issues a statement welcoming the agreement reached between Haitian leaders through the good offices of the OAS Secretary-General.