

opponents of the regime; the figures advanced by these sources are exaggerated, and a number of the murders seem to be connected with organized crime.

CANADIAN POSITION

We are pleased with the progress achieved in recent months, and believe that Haiti is an excellent example of how democratization can improve the human rights situation. We are fully involved in the efforts of the international community to provide judicial reform and police training, and have financed the work of the fact-finding commission. We support the efforts of the UN-OAS International Civilian Mission responsible for documenting the human rights situation and lending assistance to the Haitian institutions responsible for guaranteeing these rights. We are in favour of increased involvement by the UN Centre for Human Rights in Haiti, to complement the work of the International Mission.

At the 51st session of the Commission on Human Rights, it was decided that consideration of the human rights situation in Haiti be moved from the item on human rights questions to the advisory services item. In line with this, the Special Rapporteur on Haiti has been replaced by an independent expert. Canada has traditionally co-sponsored resolutions on Haiti at both the CHR at the UN General Assembly.