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## CANADA WELCOMES UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall today welcomed the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of a resolution that will impose mandatory sanctions on Haiti by Wednesday, June 23, unless there is early progress toward restoring the legitimate government of Haiti.

"Canada has worked hard to have the UN endorse OAS [Organization of American States] sanctions designed to return democracy to Haiti and we strongly support this resolution," said Mrs. McDougall. "This is an essential step to convince the de facto government that it must make way for the return of President Aristide and constitutional democracy."

The Minister stressed the important role that the OAS has played in the Haitian situation and noted that the UN sanctions were consistent with OAS resolutions, the most recent having been passed at the Ad Hoc Meeting of OAS Foreign Ministers on June 6 in Managua. The UN resolution has the effect of making these measures mandatory for all states.

Canada has observed a complete embargo on trade with Haiti since the beginning of the crisis and also moved last year to freeze the assets of the Haitian state in Canada.

"I would like to congratulate Special Envoy Dante Caputo on his hard work to restore the democratically elected government of Haiti," said Mrs. McDougall. "Canada is fully committed to continuing support to his efforts to resolve this crisis."

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