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DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN HAITI

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DECLARES its satisfaction at the agreement reached by the Secretary General's Special Envoy, which will allow the deployment of an OAS/UN Civilian Mission in Haiti. Under the terms of the letter sent by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to the Secretary General on January 13, 1993, the Mission's primary mandate is to help to ensure observance of human rights, thereby fostering a climate favorable to a political solution that will reinstate the system of democratic institutions in that country. In accordance with the unfolding of events, the Civilian Mission will also seek to aid in strengthening and modernizing institutions, with particular emphasis on reform of the judicial system, professionalization of the armed forces, establishment of a specialized police force, and resumption of international technical cooperation, in accordance with the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the ad hoc Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

TRUSTS that the Civilian Mission will have the agreed safeguards for the performance of its functions, so that obstacles that would hinder the attainment of its objectives shall not arise.

EXPRESSES its intent to continue its cooperation with the Secretary General toward the earliest possible deployment of the Mission. Moreover, it endorses and reiterates the Secretary General's request to the member states and permanent observer countries for such assistance and contributions as they are able to provide for a substantial enhancement of the civilian presence in Haiti.