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CANADA CONDEMNS EVENTS IN HAITI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today strongly condemned the attempt by rebel elements of the Haitian Armed Forces to interfere in the democratic process in Haiti.

"The Canadian government is deeply disturbed by the actions of some military units which could adversely affect Haiti's democratic government and the aspirations of the Haitian people," Mrs McDougall declared. She added that "The rule of law must prevail, and the cycle of violence must end."

Mrs. McDougall met with Haiti's Ambassador today to convey Canada's firm support for the legitimate government of Haiti. The Minister also instructed Canada's Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS) to support all initiatives at the Permanent Council directed at restoring order and strengthening the democratic process in Haiti.

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