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CANADA REIMPOSES SANCTIONS ON HAITI

External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty today announced that Canada fully supports the reimposition of United Nations sanctions on Haiti, which went into effect at midnight yesterday. He said that Canada would also be enforcing sanctions recommended by the Organization of American States.

"Our intent in reimposing sanctions is to force the Haitian military authorities and their civilian backers to respect the will of the majority of Haitians," said Mr. Beatty.

On October 13, 1993, the Security Council voted unanimously to reimpose an oil, arms and assets embargo on Haiti. The embargo was first implemented by the United Nations in June of this year and then lifted in August.

Canadian sanctions include a full trade embargo (excluding humanitarian goods), the freezing of Haitian government assets, and a ban on commercial shipping and trade-related assistance. Mr. Beatty emphasized that the embargo would not affect humanitarian assistance, which Canada will continue to provide.

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