















**Montreal October 2 protest opposes the ongoing mistreatment of Haitian refugees in the U.S. and Canada's silence.**

"Canada is insisting that other fraudulent elections be organized, so that other leaders, puppets in the hire of the imperialists, continue to do their dirty work in Haiti. We oppose the role played by Canada in the Haitian crisis, in the refugee crisis," she said. She also pointed to Canada's responsibility with regard to family reunification. "Many of the refugees at the border have family here and could have been reunified with their families," she said.

She addressed the importance for the U.S., to "keep their stranglehold over Haiti", "to not only have control over the Caribbean, but all of Latin America."

Frantz André also of SQ-H described the U.S. administration's treatment of Haitian refugees at the border between Mexico and Texas as "barbarity and behaviour which dates back to slavery" and that this behaviour "shows that this group of imperialists wants to keep on trampling, keep their knee on our necks to suffocate us and this we cannot accept."

Since at least 2004, he said, the Core Group "chooses our presidents and gets rid of them". "Haiti must be recognized as sovereign and proud. We cannot continue to see refugees who left their country be exploited and be displaced around the world "whether in Brazil, Chile, the U.S. or anywhere else, in the hopes of finding a promised land", "to finally find themselves at the U.S. border and be rejected in such a barbaric manner by cowboys, border agents on horseback, whipping them and pushing them back into the river, at the risk of being drowned." "What's being done is criminal and Canada has been and is complicit if it does not denounce this."

A spokesperson representing Liaison Internationale des Haïtiens (LIH), noted that those pillaging Haiti "have a tendency to forget that Haiti is a nation, it is a people and like all other nations and peoples, they have the right to their dignity. We will always be a nation and we will always fight for our freedom, for the dignity that is due to us."

"There is no longer anyone under the bridge at the border; there are still people in prison. We have the daily reports that show how they are being mistreated, forced to sleep in cold rooms, not given anything to wash with."

"We are here to denounce the inhumanity of what is taking place in the U.S. and in many other countries," she said. "Everyone must be treated with dignity. We deserve it and demand it."

"Long Live Haiti!" she concluded, adding: "We are also here in support of all immigrants."