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Protest in Haiti October 10, 2022, opposes foreign occupation and demands resignation of unelected Prime Minister.

The Haitian people have been filling the streets of their cities for the last two months, demanding an end to foreign meddling in their affairs and the resignation of the unelected Prime Minister Ariel Henry imposed on them by decision of the UN mission in Haiti and the U.S.-led Core Group. This group is composed of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, the Ambassadors of Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain, the European Union, the United States of America and the Special Representative of the Organization of American States (OAS). Meanwhile, the Trudeau government has been the public face of a U.S.-orchestrated campaign to prepare the ground for a serious escalation in foreign interference. It was finally made explicit on October 7 that one of the forms this is intended to take is sending a "specialized international armed force" to Haiti to put down "armed gangs."

All kinds of cynical machinations have taken place to suggest that what was being contemplated was not another military occupation like the badly named UN "stabilization" mission, MINUSTAH, launched in 2004 right after the coup orchestrated by the U.S., France and Canada against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the Lavalas Party. MINUSTAH's mandate was not ended until 2017 and the UN has never been held to account for the trail of extrajudicial executions, thousands of other deaths, atrocities and destruction it left in its wake. That brutal legacy is more than enough evidence for why the Haitian people will never accept that those same actors' "help" is needed once again.



Sign demands unelected Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry get out.

On September 21, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hosted a meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly to discuss the situation in Haiti and what to do about it. He said there was a need for regional partners like Canada, the U.S. and those in the Caribbean Community, and also others like France, to play a role in helping Haiti provide security, stability and prosperity for its citizens. He stressed that what he was advocating was a Haitian-led solution. Bob Rae, Canadian Ambassador to the UN, said mistakes had been made in the past where interventions happened that didn't have the full support of the Haitian people. "We need to make sure that we're working with the people of Haiti," he said.

Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly did much the same at a meeting she convened on the sidelines of the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly in Lima, Peru on October 6, co-chaired by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Haiti's so-called Foreign Minister Jean Victor Geneus. A statement issued by the chairs said that 19 member countries of the OAS had come together to discuss the situation in Haiti and how the international community can respond to the crisis there. The countries were not named. The statement talked of promoting "solutions developed by and for Haitians," and called for humanitarian corridors to be set up immediately to enable fuel to leave the country's main terminal that has been blockaded for weeks, and for the "international community" to provide "robust security assistance" that includes strengthening the Haitian National Police.

To try and give credibility to the fraud of a "Haitian-led solution" that Canada claims to be seeking, the head OAS functionary was dispatched to tell the U.S and UN-imposed government of Haiti to request urgent support from the international community and to define the characteristics of the "international security force" it was asking for, which he did publicly on Twitter. The illegitimate Prime Minister and his Council of Ministers did what they were told without delay. The next day they passed a resolution authorizing the foreign-imposed Prime Minister, Ariel Henry, to request from international partners the immediate deployment of a specialized armed force "in sufficient quantity" to stop the crisis across the country caused "partly by the criminal actions of armed gangs." That presumably was proof positive, for anyone naive enough to believe it, that the coming intervention could not be considered an invasion or a foreign military occupation since the foreign troops would be in Haiti at the invitation of the country's government.

The official request of the U.S. and UN-imposed "government" was passed on forthwith as a call to the "international community" and to the UN Security Council by UN Secretary General António Guterres who advised that it be considered an urgent matter. News agencies reported that Guterres consequently proposed in a letter to the Security Council that a rapid action force be sent to Haiti to support the efforts of the Haitian Police to "remove the threat posed by armed gangs and provide immediate protection to critical infrastructure and services."

The whole thing has sparked outrage on the part of different forces in Haiti. The country's ten remaining elected senators resolved unanimously to demand that the resolution of the *de facto* government inviting an armed intervention be revoked immediately. They said the unelected *de facto* Prime Minister and Council of Ministers had no authority to make such a request, that under the country's constitution only the president of the country could do that, and that position remains vacant. They called it "an attempt by an illegitimate, unpopular and increasingly contested government to resort to foreign forces to maintain itself in power at all costs and thus delay Haiti's return to constitutional and democratic order." In their counter resolution the senators offered proposals for political and practical measures to be taken internally to address the crisis.

Other political forces that are part of the Montana Accord have denounced the invitation to a foreign intervention force as an act of treason. This accord was signed on August 30, 2021 by several Haitian political parties and other political formations to establish a transitional government following the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse until there were conditions to hold new elections. All the signatories to the Accord oppose the *de facto* prime minister and his government, imposed behind the backs of the Haitian people.

The people meanwhile have intensified their protests beginning a week-long mobilization on October 10 with thousands in the streets every day to say *No to an Invasion!*, *No to Occupation!*, *Down with Henry!*, and to demand an end to all foreign meddling in their affairs.

The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) condemns the Trudeau government for the dirty work it is doing against the Haitian people by violating their sovereignty and planning an act of aggression against them. There should be no Canadian military or any type of armed force sent to Haiti under any pretext. Canada, the U.S. and its Core Group must stop their meddling and respect the Haitian people's right to elect leaders and governments of their own choosing and to pursue their own nation-building projects and models of development free from coercion.

CPC(M-L) salutes the courage and tenacity of the Haitian people who are determined to fight for what is theirs by right like their forebears did when they liberated themselves from slavery and put an end to colonial rule in their country at the same time through their own efforts. CPC(M-L) calls on Canadians and Quebeckers to join actions and organize their own to demand Canada have no part in any armed intervention in Haiti, that it stop its meddling and that it respect Haiti's sovereignty and right to self-determination.

Hands Off Haiti!
No Canadian Troops in Haiti!
All Out to Stand with the Haitian People Against Foreign Interference and Aggression!

(With files from Le Nouvelliste, Global News. Photos: Haiti Liberté)



Oppose UN Authorization of Foreign Military Presence to Suppress Resistance Movement in Haiti



Haiti, September 21, 2022

TML Daily is reprinting an Open Letter to the Secretary General of the Caribbean Community, Dr. Carla Barnett of Belize, opposing preparations being made by the so-called Haiti Core Group which includes Canada to have the UN authorize a foreign military presence in Haiti. The aim of the operation is to suppress the resistance movement of the Haitian people under the hoax of combating "armed gangs."

The open letter sets out the actual situation in Haiti. The letter is signed by The Black Alliance for Peace, Haiti/Americas Team.

UN Mission Is a Foreign Occupation, Repressing Haitian Sovereignty

Dear Dr. Barnett:

On September 19, 2022, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) issued a short statement expressing grave concern about worsening conditions in Haiti and pressing for "urgent and immediate attention from the international community."

In light of CARICOM's more direct engagement in Haitian affairs in recent months, we call on your organization to respect Haitian sovereignty and to support the Haitian masses in their stand against the ongoing occupation of their country by foreign powers.

Despite the erroneous representation of the current protests in Haiti as simply "gang violence," the latest demonstrations are a direct result of two factors. First, they are a response to the everyday economic misery caused by rising inflation, especially through the staggering increase in the price of fuel. Second, they are part of a long history of demands for the end of foreign meddling in Haitian affairs, especially via the installation and maintenance of an unelected and illegitimate government by the Core Group, of which the United Nations is a part.

We applaud your concern for Haiti. We have also noted the support your member nations have given to Caribbean and Latin American self-determination. For this reason, we would like to remind CARICOM members that the U.S., Canada, France, and other Western countries, along with the Core Group, and UN missions such as MINUSTAH, are directly responsible for the current conditions in Haiti. Attempting to solve the current crisis in Haiti through a dialogue between unelected and illegitimate Haitian "stakeholders" will not be successful. It will only serve the needs of non-Haitians.

We share with you the words of a coalition of Haitian grassroots organizations explaining the main reason for the current protests:

"These popular protests are part of a struggle for a Haiti free from suffocating foreign interference, gangsterization, this extreme manufactured misery and an anti-national, illegitimate, criminal political regime established by the Core Group of which the UN is a member."

A brief historical contextualization is in order:

The UN Mission to Haiti Is a Foreign Occupation Repressing Haitian Sovereignty

As you surely are aware, the United Nations became an occupying force in Haiti after the U.S.-France-Canada-led 2004 coup d'état against Haiti's democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. We must note that, in addition to Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, only Jamaica's P.J. Patterson, in his capacity as leader of CARICOM, spoke up against the coup.

Following the coup, the UN took over from U.S. forces. Under Chapter VII of the UN charter, the UN established the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (or MINUSTAH), for the tasks of military occupation under the guise of establishing peace and security. The Workers' Party-led government of Brazil's Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva then betrayed the Haitian people and undercut Haiti's sovereignty by agreeing to lead the military wing of the UN mission in Haiti.

The history of the UN in Haiti has been a history of violence. An expensive, multi-billion dollar operation, MINUSTAH had between 6,000 and 12,000 military troops and police stationed in Haiti alongside thousands of civilian personnel. Like the first U.S. occupation (1915-1934), the UN

occupation under MINUSTAH was marked by its brutality and racism towards the Haitian people. Civilians were brutally attacked and assassinated. "Peace-keepers" committed sexual crimes. UN soldiers dumped human waste into rivers used for drinking water, unleashing a cholera epidemic that killed between 10,000 and 50,000 people. The UN has still not been held accountable for this needless death.

The Core Group – an international coalition of self-proclaimed "friends" of Haiti – came together during the MINUSTAH occupation. Non-Black, un-elected, and anti-democratic, the goal of the Core Group is to oversee Haiti's governance. Meanwhile, as with the first occupation, the United States and MINUSTAH trained and militarized Haiti's police and security forces, often rehabilitating and reintegrating rogue members. The United States, in collusion with MINUSTAH and the Core Group, also over-rode Haitian democracy, installing both neo-Duvalierist Michel Martelly and his Haitian Tèt Kale Party (PHTK), alongside Martelly's protégé and successor, the late Jovenel Moïse.

It is claimed that this occupation officially ended in 2017 with the dissolution of MINUSTAH. But the UN has remained in Haiti under a new acronym: BINUH, the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti. BINUH has had an outsized role in Haitian internal political affairs. For example, soon after Moïse was assassinated, its representative, Helen La Lime, asserted that Claude Joseph would be installed as Haiti's leader. Later, the "Core Group" switched gears and demanded that Ariel Henry should be president. And this is exactly what happened when a "new" Haitian government was announced on July 20, 2021, with Henry as leader. This, without any say from the Haitian people, without any pretense of a democratic process, without any concern for Haiti's sovereignty.

UN Occupation Increases Violence and Instability



Haiti currently has an unelected, unpopular, unaccountable, and illegitimate prime minister, propped up by the United States and the western nations. Meanwhile, Haiti's security situation has deteriorated considerably as groups, armed by the transnational Haitian and Levantine elite, continue their attacks on the Haitian people. We must emphasize that, in the eighteen years that the United Nations mission has participated in the occupation of Haiti, the Haitian people have only experienced violence and political instability. You must recognize the foreign occupation of Haiti has left it in a state of disarray and violence.

The Consequences of Foreign Meddling and Occupation

We must remind you that this is the sixth week of protests of the Haitian people against both the U.S.-backed puppet government of Ariel Henry and the continued occupation and meddling of the Core Group and the UN itself. With all the talk of Haitian "lawlessness," one would never know that the other main reason for the protests was the illegitimate government's decision, under IMF austerity dictates, to cut fuel subsidies, amid spiraling inflation and economic insecurity. Hear the people's words:

"This new decision, taken to the detriment of the interests of the people, has aroused its anger and also intensified a protest movement already initiated, whose objective is the recovery of our sovereignty, the recovery of Haiti's destiny by Haitians, the establishment by Haitians of a legitimate government, capable of defending the interests of the people and meeting the various challenges of the moment."

No to Occupation. Yes to Self-Determination



Haiti, September 13, 2022

The speed at which contemporary events are moving in Haiti makes it difficult for those outside the Caribbean republic to understand its internal political dynamics. Because of this, it is easy to resort to historical clichés and short-hand analyses in an attempt to neatly package and summarize or flatten what are oftentimes complex, structural, and historical formations whose origins are as much rooted outside than inside the country. Thus to outsiders Haiti is in the middle of a crisis, a never-ending crisis marked by lawlessness and violence, by the failure of government and the collapse of the state, and by a savage populism paired with well-armed, predatory gangs.

We believe this representation of Haiti is fueled by an ancient racism premised on the notion that Haitian people (and African people more generally) are incapable of self-government, and this notion, in turn, nurtures the rationalization for the strengthening of the current mandate for the continued international occupation of Haiti.

We ask that you think with all seriousness about the relationships among nations in our region. All nations should be able to chart their own destiny, not just some. You must know the history of the proud Haitian people whose Revolution changed the course of world history and material aid helped the liberation of the Americas from colonial rule and enslavement. Despite the continued affront to its self-determination, the people of Haiti will continue to fight for its liberation.

The Black Alliance for Peace, in alignment with the wishes of the Haitian masses and their supporters, absolutely stands against any foreign armed intervention in Haiti, and continues to demand an end to the unending meddling in Haitian affairs by the United States and Western powers. We call for the dissolution of the imperialist Core Group, an end to Western support for the unelected and unaccountable puppet government of Ariel Henry, and for the respect of Haitian sovereignty.

Signed,

The Black Alliance for Peace, Haiti/Americas Team

(Letter issued September 30, 2022. Photos: Radio Resistanz)

