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**ALERT TO U.S. CONGRESS**

Washington Office on Haiti urgently requests the following actions:

- o Immediate halt of repatriation of Haitians at Guantanamo, and granting of Temporary Protected Status to all Haitian refugees until full restoration of the democratically elected Aristide government.
- o Permanent recall of US Ambassador Adams based on repeated objections from a broad range of reliable sources in Haiti and North America about Adams' apparent complicity with military and commercial interests responsible for the coup and actively involved in drug trafficking and contraband.
- o Investigation of possible US Embassy involvement in covert manipulation of OAS negotiations designed to *prevent* restoration of Haiti's legitimate democracy and to deliberately misinform Congress, the American public, and perhaps elements within the Department of State.
- o Permanent prohibition of any U.S. government funding to CHADEL, the organization founded and formerly directed by Jean Jacques Honorat and currently directed by his wife. CHADEL has received USAID funding and has been slated for significant expansion of funding under USAID's planned Democracy Enhancement project. Honorat's participation in the coup as Prime Minister of the current regime should permanently disqualify him and his organization from receiving any US tax dollars.
- o Public accountability of the State Department for maintaining that no evidence exists of persecution of repatriated Haitian boat people, despite well-documented evidence repeatedly presented by internationally respected human rights organizations.

We are troubled about the purposes of Pentagon photographing and fingerprinting of refugees at Guantanamo prior to their repatriation. We note with grave concern that the Haitian officials directing their re-entry in Port-au-Prince are Monod Philippe, Director of the Port Authority, and Dr. Fouger, Red Cross Director. Mr. Philippe and Dr. Fouger were, respectively, Warden and Prison Physician of the notorious Fort Dimanche, a Duvalier prison where conservative estimates are that at least 30,000 people were killed by prison authorities.

We also object strongly to continuing allegations by some U.S. officials, neoconservative think tanks and commercial representatives that the Aristide/Preval government's record raises "concerns" about human rights. President Aristide was the target of repeated assassination attempts precisely because of his outspoken commitment to human rights and social/economic justice. Independently reported data verify that all classes of human rights abuses decreased sharply during Aristide's administration. Further, any discussion of "concerns" about human rights issues before the coup is an absurdity in light of the state terrorism which has prevailed since the coup. Data on fatal human rights violations are presented below.

**NOTE:** Data for the first 3 columns are fatal human rights violations reported in *HaitiInsight*, published by the National Coalition for Haitian Refugees, under the Avril regime (89 deaths 6/89-2/90), Truilliot provisional government (241 deaths 3/90-1/91) and Aristide administration (26 deaths 2/91-6/91). The last column represents the OAS report of at least 1,500 people killed by the military regime since the coup.

Human Rights Violations: Deaths  
Totals Reported

