



Stop silence Haiti! (2)
The international policy towards Haiti must change!

More than 150 Haitian, European, Latin American, Canadian and African organisations (trade unions, NGOs, associations, peasant movements, feminists, citizens) are calling for a change in international policy towards Haiti.

In October 2020, the international campaign *Stop silence Haiti* was launched! Where do we stand, eight months later? All the abuses, violence and injustices denounced in this appeal have worsened. Poverty has increased, hunger affects more than 4 million people, kidnappings – coupled with rapes – have multiplied, and armed gangs have further extended their power. Widespread insecurity affects all segments of the population, further compromising access to basic social services, including education and health.

There has been no judicial progress in the massacres – twelve massacres have been recorded since 2018 – and corruption cases, foremost among them, Petrocaribe, while new investigations, national and international, confirm the involvement and complicity of the power. The assassination of the President of the Port-au-Prince Bar Association, Mr. Monferrier Dorval, like so many others, remains unpunished. Violence and impunity feed each other, plunging Haiti into a vicious circle.

The deterioration of human rights and living conditions of the population is catalyzed by the political crisis. On February 7, 2021, the presidential term of Jovenel Moïse ended. But he refused to leave power. He intends to remain at the head of the state until a referendum – prohibited by the Constitution – is held at the end of June and elections are held in September.

By doing so, and by inventing an attempted coup d'état to justify the retirement of three judges of the Court of Cassation – which constitutes (another) unconstitutional act – Jovenel Moïse has clearly opted for a strategy of "rotting" and consecrating the authoritarianism of his regime. Yet he continues to enjoy the support of the *Core Group*¹, in general, and the United States, in particular.

In recent months and on multiple occasions, peasants and women's movements, unions, young Petrochallengers, churches, human rights NGOs, social organizations, the justice and education sectors, and intellectuals have demonstrated en masse to demand respect for the Constitution, the departure of Jovenel Moïse, and a breakthrough transition.

They were able to count on an international mobilization, which was expressed by various currents. Thus, since February 7, 2021, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), the Coordination Europe-Haiti (Co-EH), and the International Assembly of Peoples, to take only these examples, have taken a stand in support of the claims of the Haitian movements.

¹ United States, Canada, Germany, Spain, Brazil, France, European Union (EU), Organization of American States (OAS) and Special Representative of the UN General Secretary.

At the diplomatic level too, the lines are beginning to move. Sixty-eight Democratic members of the U.S. Congress have called for a change in Washington's policy towards Haiti. The European Parliament has just passed an emergency resolution². While refusing to support the referendum and pointing out that "the violence in Haiti is closely linked to armed gangs, some of which are supported and financed by the local oligarchy," it nonetheless continues to maintain the myth that free and credible elections can be organized by the Haitian authorities.

Jovenel Moïse continues his headlong rush, and the international community, in the name of the "inclusive national dialogue" and a way out of the crisis through elections, is falling into the trap – or even instrumentalizes this trap – of supporting the *de facto* president. A broad national consensus has been forged for months against Jovenel Moïse. To call, again and again, for him to fight against violence, impunity and the polarization of the country, when he is one of the main perpetrators, is either blind or hypocritical.

The conditions are not met for free and democratic elections, nor for a referendum on the Constitution. Jovenel Moïse has no legitimacy to organize them. In the current situation, where entire neighborhoods are controlled by armed gangs, where electoral institutions and mechanisms are manipulated by the government, these elections will have no credibility. In any case, they have no other purpose further than to consecrate the reproduction of the clique in power and to consecrate impunity, locking the country into a new cycle of violence and instability.

Jovenel Moïse is part of the problem, not the solution. Every day that passes with him in power is a missed opportunity for democratic change, making the transition more complicated and difficult. The international community is not lacking in information about what is happening in Haiti; it lacks courage. The courage of acknowledging the failure of diplomacy in recent years, if not decades, to confront the United States, to uphold human rights and to listen to the claims of Haitians.

Therefore, we demand from governments, international institutions and especially the Core Group:

1. To respect the sovereignty of the Haitian people, and to denounce all interference.
2. To listen to the actors of Haitian civil society, who have publicly and repeatedly spoken out against the holding of a referendum and elections, which, under the current conditions, will be neither free nor democratic, and can only be a tragic farce, risking the restoration of the dictatorship.
3. To denounce the illegitimacy of the referendum and the electoral process, as well as the lack of conditions for free and democratic elections to be carried out with Jovenel Moïse in power.
4. To support a transition process demanded and implemented by Haitians, based on the 1987 Constitution.
5. Support the work of Haitian organizations to ensure that those responsible for human rights violations – most notably the massacres and the squandering of Petrocaribe funds

² European Parliament resolution of 20 May 2021 on the situation in Haiti (2021/2694(RSP)).

– are brought to justice in a fair and just manner.

6. To review more broadly, with humility and honesty, their policies over the past years, and even decades, that have contributed to the current impasse.

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Signatory organisations

Confédération Syndicale Internationale (CSI), International
Coordination Europe-Haïti (COEH), Europe
Comité pour l'abolition des dettes illégitimes (CADTM), International

Acción Afro-Dominicana, République dominicaine
Accion Ecologica, Équateur
ActionAid, France
Agenda Solidaridad, République dominicaine
AITEC, France
Anacaona Droits Humains Haïti, France
Asbl Theux/Saint-Michel, Belgique
Asbl Farnières-Haïti, Belgique
Asociación Acción Verapaz, Espagne
Association Française d'Amitié et de Solidarité avec les Peuples d'Afrique (AFASPA), France
Association PeopleKonsian, France
Association Pour Haïti, France
Ayiti Cheri vzw, Belgique
Coalition des Alternatives Africaines Dette et Développement (CAD), Mali
ATTAC - CADTM, Argentine
ATTAC - CADTM, Maroc
ATTAC Liège, Belgique
ATTAC Wallonie Bruxelles (AWB), Belgique
AWMR-Italia Associazione Donne della Regione Mediterranea, Italie
CADTM – AYNA, Amérique latine
CADTM – Belgique, Belgique
Carrefour de solidarité internationale, Canada
Cátedra Libre de Pensamiento Latinoamericano "Ernesto Che Guevara", Mexique
Coopération Éducation Culture (CEC), Belgique
Centre francophone de recherche partenariale sur l'assainissement, les déchets et l'environnement (CEFREPARE), France
Centre de recherche et d'information pour le développement (CRID), France
Centre de recherches et d'initiatives de solidarité internationale (CEDETIM), France
Centro de militares para la democracia argentina (CEMIDA), Argentine
Centre d'Education et d'Interventions Sociales (CEIS), Haïti
Centre International de Solidarité Ouvrière (CISO), Canada
Centre national de coopération au développement (CNCD-11.11.11), Belgique
Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo S.J." (CSMM), Équateur
Centro de Pensamiento Crítico Pedro Paz, Argentine
Centro de Promocion y Formacion en Derechos Humanos, Venezuela
Centre d'Éducation Populaire André Genot (CEPAG), Belgique
Centre tricontinental-CETRI, Belgique
Centro de Pensamiento Crítico Pedro Paz, Argentine

Circulos bolivarianos socialistas Costa Rica, Costa Rica
Clowns Sans Frontières, Canada
Coalition des Acteurs de la Société Civile (CASC), Haïti
Coalition Haïtienne au Canada contre la Dictature en Haïti (COHCCDH), Canada
Codepink, États-Unis
Collectif 35 des amis d'Haïti, France
Collectif Haïti de France (CHF), France
Collectif Régional pour la Coopération Nord-Sud (CIBELE), Ile de France, France
Collectif Régional pour la Coopération Nord-Sud (CORENS), France
Comité argentino de solidaridad por el fin de la ocupación de Haití, Argentine
Colectivo Tejido de transicionantes por el Valle del Cauca, Arturo Escobar, Colombie
Colonialism Reparation, Italie
Comitê anti-imperialista general Abreu e Lima, Brésil
Comité de Derechos Humanos de Base de Chiapas Digna Ochoa, Mexique
Comité Democrático Haitiano en Argentina, Argentine
Comité Dominicano de Derechos Humanos, République Dominicaine
Commission altermondialisation et solidarité internationale de Québec solidaire, Canada
Commission Haïtienne pour le Respect des Droits Humains (CHREDHU), Haïti
Commission Épiscopale Nationale Justice et Paix (CE-JILAP), Haïti
Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement – Terre Solidaire (CCFD-Terre Solidaire), France
Comuna Caribe, Puerto Rico
Comunidad Cristiana Vanguardia Obrera, Espagne
Comunista de Catalunya, Espagne
Confederación Intersindical Galega (CIG), de Galiza, Espagne
Confédération des Syndicats Chrétiens (ACV-CSC), Belgique
Confédération des Travailleurs et Travailleuses des Secteurs Public et Privé (CTSP), Haïti
Confédération des Travailleurs Haïtiens (CTH), Haïti
Congreso de los Pueblos - Capítulo Chile, Chili
Conseil National des Comités Populaires (CNCP), Martinique
Diaspora Africaine de Belgique (DAB), Belgique
Diaspora Togolaise de Belgique (DTB), Belgique
Diálogo 2000-Jubileo Sur, Argentine
ECOSUR, Ecología, Cultura y Educación desde los Pueblos del Sur, Argentine
Encuentro Belgian Latin America Network, Belgique
Enfant Haïtien France Action (EHFA), France
Entraide et Fraternité, Belgique
Europe Écologie Les Verts, France
Europe solidaire sans frontières (ESSF), France
Fédération Nationale des Travailleurs en Education et en Culture (FENATEC), Haïti
Fédération Nationale des Syndicats en Éducation (FENASE), Haïti
Fédération générale du travail de Belgique (FGTB) fédérale, Belgique
Fédération générale du travail de Belgique (FGTB) wallonne, Belgique
Fédération des organisations paysannes pour l'intensification agricole et la promotion de l'agriculture familiale (FOP-SIPAF) du sud Kivu, République démocratique du Congo
Fédération syndicale unitaire (FSU), France
Federación Uruguaya de Cooperativas de Vivienda por Ayuda Mutua (FUCVAM), Uruguay
FIAN Belgium – Pour le droit à l'alimentation, Belgique
Fondation Frantz Fanon, France
Forum Nord Sud asbl, Belgique
Frères des Hommes, Belgique

France Amérique latine (FAL), France
Frente Nacional de Luta Campo e Cidade (FNL), Brésil
Fuerza de la Revolucionmanuelj (FR), République dominicaine
Fundación Embajada de Derechos Humanos, Venezuela
Fundación para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Paz, Équateur
Fundación Vivian Trías. Uruguay
Geomoun, Belgique
Grandir en Haïti, France
Groupe d'économie solidaire du Québec, Canada
Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés (GARR), Haïti
Grupo « Solidair met Guatemala », Belgique
Grupo de apoyo a la solidaridad de Haití (Grash), Espagne
Grupo de Trabajo CLACSO "Crisis, respuestas y alternativas en el Gran Caribe", Amérique latine
Haiti Support Group, Grande-Bretagne
Hoopvoorhaiti, Belgique
IFSI-ISVI, Coopération syndicale internationale, Belgique
Informationsstelle Lateinamerika (ILA), Allemagne
Initiative Artisans, Haïti
Initiative Patriote Marien (IPAM), Haïti
Iraqi Social Forum, Iraq
Institut de Technologie et d'Animation (ITECA), Haïti
Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH)-France, France
Lyon Haïti Partenariats, France
Marcha Mundial de las Mujeres Macronorte, Pérou
Medico international, Allemagne
MISEREOR, Allemagne
Mouvement Ouvrier Chrétien (MOC), Belgique
Movimiento Rebelde, République dominicaine
Movimiento de Integración y Emancipación de Derechos Humanos del Sur, Venezuela
Nègès Mawon, Haïti
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Observatorio de la Riqueza Padre Arrupe, Argentine
Ongd AFRICANDO, Espagne
Organizaciones libres del pueblo-resistir y luchar, Argentine
Osjosma vzw, Belgique
Other News, Italie
Parti de la Gauche Européenne, Europe
Partido por la Victoria del Pueblo, Uruguay
Partido Comunista Revolucionario del Uruguay, Uruguay
Partido de la Refundación Comunista – Izquierda Europea, Italie
Pazapas ASBL, Belgique
Pèp Lib vzw, Belgique
Plateforme haïtienne de plaidoyer pour un développement alternatif (PAPDA), Haïti
Plateforme altermondialiste, Canada
Plateforme Haïti.be, Belgique
Plate-Forme Haïti de Suisse (PFHS), Suisse
Plateforme Nationale des Syndicats des Institutions Publiques (PLANSIP), Haïti
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School of the Americas Watch (SOAW), Amérique latine
Secours Catholique - Caritas France, France
Service Œcuménique d'Entraide, France
Servicio Paz y Justicia – SERPAJ, Argentine
Socialist Revolutionary Workers Party (SRWP), Afrique du Sud
Solidarite Fanm Ayisyèn (SOFA), Haïti
Solidaridad Dominicana con Haití, République dominicaine
South African Federation of Trade Unions (SAFTU), Afrique du Sud
Suteba de La Matanza, Argentine
Tet Kole Ti Peyizan Ayisyen, Haïti
Ti Gout Dlo en Haïti, Belgique
Tysea - Hoop voor Haïti, Belgique
Union de Vecinos, États-Unis
Union juive française pour la paix (UJFP), France
Union Nationale des Normaliens/nes et Educateurs/trices d'Haïti (UNNOEH), Haïti
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