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JUDGMENT ENTERED AGAINST HAITIAN DEATH SQUAD LEADER, TOTO CONSTANT, FOR
RAPE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

TESTIMONY TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE NEW YORK FEDERAL JUDGE TO DETERMINE
DAMAGES AT HEARING BEGINNING AUGUST 29, 2006

New York, NY: August 17, 2006: Emmanuel "Toto" Constant, the former
leader of Haiti's notorious death squad known as FRAPH, has been held
liable by a U.S. federal court for torture, including rape, attempted
extrajudicial killing, and crimes against humanity. U.S. District Court
Judge Sidney H.

Stein, of the Southern District of New York, granted a default judgment
today in favor of several women who survived savage gang rapes and
other violence at the hands of members of FRAPH. The judge has ordered
a hearing to determine the amount of damages Mr. Constant will be
ordered to pay.

When: The hearing will begin at 9:30 A.M. on August 29, 2006.

Where: Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 23A, 500
Pearl Street, New York, NY. Judge Sidney H. Stein presiding.

What: The lawsuit was filed in December 2004 by three women, all
survivors of torture under the brutal campaign of terror orchestrated
by Constant and carried out by members of FRAPH during the period of
military rule in Haiti from 1991 to 1994. The allotted time for
Constant to respond to the lawsuit passed, allowing the plaintiffs to
request a judgment against him. Due to an on-going fear of reprisals,
the plaintiffs have had to remain anonymous.

This judgment marks the first time that anyone has been held to account
for the state-sponsored campaign of rape that destroyed so many
families in Haiti.

"The fact that Constant has been held liable by a U.S. court for the
human rights abuses committed against these brave women gives hope to
all who seek justice through the rule of law," said lead counsel for
the plaintiffs, Ivor Samson of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, LLP, who
serves as pro bono co-counsel along with the Center for Justice &
Accountability (CJA) and the Center for Constitutional Rights in New
York.

Despite the outcry from the Haitian community and human rights
organizations, Mr. Constant lived and worked freely in New York until
he was arrested last month in connection with a mortgage fraud scheme
in Suffolk County, NY. He remains in jail awaiting a criminal trial on

charges of grand larceny, forgery and falsifying business records. The U.S. government moved to deport Mr. Constant in 1995. However, after he disclosed on 60 Minutes that he had been on the CIA payroll during the period when FRAPH was formed, he was released from detention and has been allowed to remain in the U.S.

Why: Until now, no one from the ranks of FRAPH or the Haitian Armed Forces had been held accountable for the hundreds of politically motivated rapes that have been committed against the women of Haiti. Upon news of the judgment, one of the plaintiffs stated, "We have been waiting for this day for 12 years. Toto Constant never thought this day would come, but we never gave up. Today's judgment is dedicated to all those who have suffered violence in Haiti."

CJA's lead attorney on the case, Moira Feeney, commented, "This judgment condemns the systematic use of state-sponsored violence against women and highlights the bravery of the plaintiffs who stood up and confronted the man who was the mastermind behind the torture that they suffered. The fact that Mr. Constant defaulted does not take away from the significance that this judgment carries for the people of Haiti, the people of New York, and the global community that refuses to tolerate torture in all its forms."

The Center for Justice and Accountability is a San Francisco based human rights organization dedicated to ending torture and other severe human rights abuses through litigation, education and outreach.

For additional information about the case, please see CJA's website:

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