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Dear Members of the United Nations Security Council:

We are encouraged by the UN Security Council's decision to send a mission to Haiti from April 13-16, 2005. The visit will provide the Council an opportunity to assess the situation on the ground in Haiti.

As reflected in the Council's Terms of Reference, there are deep social divisions in Haiti that require dialogue, reconciliation, and protection of the country's most vulnerable. We are writing to urge you to take advantage of your presence in Haiti to hear the voices of the country's disenfranchised, that are seldom heard despite representing a majority of Haiti's population. Thus, we request that you speak directly to poor women, grassroots groups, victims of human rights violations and supporters of the *Fanmi Lavalas* political movement, rather than through organizations that claim to represent their interests.

The Commission for Women Victims for Victims (*KOFAVIV*), a group of poor women victims of violence, and a delegation of victims of human rights violations from Haiti's grassroots movement have asked Adama Guindo, the UNDP Resident Coordinator, for a meeting with the Council. We urge that you find time to meet with these groups as well as other organizations whose leadership and membership comes from Haiti's poor majority.

We will follow up with our Haitian colleagues on their meetings with the Council. We hope that the perspectives of these organizations are adequately reflected in the Council's report on its mission to Haiti.

Sincerely,

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