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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HAITI
TRANSMITTING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
“STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY IN HAITI”

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will be presented to the Permanent Council of the Organization.

***PERMANENT MISSION OF HAITI
TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES***

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Washington, D.C., May 24, 2005

Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to transmit to you, for all practical purposes, the attached draft resolution on strengthening democracy in Haiti.

I would very much appreciate it if this draft could be distributed to the permanent missions and presented for negotiation to the appropriate body of the Organization.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Duly Brutus
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

His Excellency
Ambassador Alberto Borea Odria
Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS
Chair of the Permanent Council

DRAFT RESOLUTION
STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY IN HAITI
(Presented by the Permanent Mission of Haiti)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING that one of the essential purposes of the OAS is to promote and consolidate representative democracy and respect for democratic institutions, with due regard for the principle of nonintervention, as stated in the Charter of the Organization of American States;

REAFFIRMING the principles contained in the Inter-American Democratic Charter and in particular the principle that the peoples of the Americas have a right to democracy and their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it;

RECALLING the resolutions of the Permanent Council and its own on the situation in Haiti, in particular resolution AG/RES. 2058 (XXXIV-O/04), which requested “the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti ... to assist the Provisional Electoral Council in preparing, organizing, and overseeing the elections and the proclamation of results, in cooperation with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)” and called on “all sectors of Haitian society to undertake all necessary initiatives to achieve these objectives” of promoting “full and lasting democracy and the strengthening of democratic institutions with guarantees for citizens and respect for fundamental freedoms”;

RECALLING ALSO the reports submitted by the Acting Secretary General to the Permanent Council on developments in the situation in Haiti;

NOTING the preparations made for the holding of elections on October 9, November 13, and December 18, 2005;

EXPRESSING its support for the process of dialogue begun by the Government of Haiti;

EXPRESSING ALSO its support for the work carried out by the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti;

NOTING the visit made to Haiti in April 2005 by the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in order to foster normalization of the situation in Haiti;

NOTING ALSO the on-site visit made by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in April 2005 in order to assess the observance of human rights in Haiti; and

SEEKING to foster the comprehensive restoration of security in Haiti and to promote the socioeconomic recovery of the Haitian people in a peaceful and stable political environment,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the preparations made by the Government of Haiti, in conjunction with Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council and with the support of the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), for the holding of free, fair, transparent, and democratic elections on October 9, November 13, and December 18, 2005. To encourage, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the OAS and the UN of November 2004, the pursuit of initiatives and activities aimed at creating a safe and stable climate for that purpose.

2. To urge potential voters to register in order to be able to participate in the upcoming elections.

3. To encourage the efforts made toward restoring security and public order, and to support the professionalization of the National Police of Haiti so that they may, without distinction, confront the actions of armed groups. To call on the sectors involved in searching for a solution to Haiti's situation to continue to promote the processes of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration, as essential components in the stabilization effort.

4. To commend the National Dialogue initiative taken by the Government of Haiti for promoting harmonious coexistence, peace, and national reconciliation and for ushering in an era of tolerance and solidarity that is indispensable for reconstruction of the state and for strengthening of good governance in the country.

5. To urge all sectors in Haiti to support the National Dialogue, to participate actively in it, and to explore all channels to ensure its full success with a view to ensuring the proper functioning of democratic institutions.

6. To request the Special Mission and to invite MINUSTAH to continue the support they have given to the Haitian people in the context of the election process. To request the General Secretariat to adopt all measures necessary for observing the election; and to invite CARICOM to lend its support to the process.

7. To urge the Government of Haiti to adopt all measures necessary for combating impunity, observing and guaranteeing human rights, and enforcing the rule of law, in order to further boost confidence within society. To encourage the strengthening of the judicial system in Haiti in order to attain an equitable distribution of justice in accordance with Haitian law.

8. To express its solidarity with the Haitian people by supporting institutional development in Haiti, together with economic and social progress, and to call on the international community and international financial institutions to act fully on their commitments to strengthen democracy in Haiti by supporting economic and social programs, in order to alleviate poverty and promote economic development.

9. To request the Secretary General to present a quarterly report on developments in Haiti's situation to the Permanent Council, which shall, on a regular basis, review the mandate of the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti and take all steps it deems necessary for the optimal operation thereof.

10. To request the Secretary General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.