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NeY York September 10, 2011 - On Monday September 19, 2011, VOICE OF THE HAITIAN AMERICAN DIASPORA, an Ad Hoc Committee made up of Haitian Organizations such as Consortium For Haitian Empowerment, Color of Hope, Sovereign Haiti Initiative, The Haitian American Professional Alliances, and members of the Haitian community hailing from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Georgia, Florida and Canada, and friends of Haiti will gather at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Park directly across from the United Nations Headquarters. This gathering will coincide with the start of the UN General Assembly Debate.

1) Justice for Johnny Jean, an adolescent Haitian boy, brutally raped and sodomized by four Uruguayan troops that are part of the United Nations Military Mission (MINUSTHA) in Haiti, as well as for countless underage children who have been pregnant, sexually and physically assaulted and abused, and others who lost their lives at the hands of the United Nations soldiers and police.

2) Demand damages and compensation for the Haitian people as a result of the introduction of cholera in Haiti through an outright criminal contamination of Haiti waters by dumping waste in the rivers and water ways of Haiti. Cholera was unknown in Haiti, until the Nepalese troops part of the UN Military Mission brought it to Haiti from Nepal where this disease is endemic. To date, nearly 10,000 people have died and over half a million have been contaminated. Despite this serious public health challenge, no effort has been made by the United Nations to vaccinate the population against cholera, although effective vaccines exist.

3) After a long protracted presence in Haiti, the United Nations Military Mission must end. Haiti is not at war with any country, and nor does it have a civil war taking place within its borders. Instead of protecting the population, the UN troops have brought pains and sufferings to the Haitian people, raped their children, violated their basic human dignity, contaminated their waters with the deadly cholera bacteria and caused the deaths of more than ten thousands. Enough is enough. The Haitian people demand an end to the UN military presence in Haiti.

Gathering begins at 9AM

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