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RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN HAITI

THE AD HOC MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN resolutions MRE/RES. 1/91 and MRE/RES. 2/91, of October 3 and 8, 1991, of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Foreign Ministers and the reports of the Secretary General on the situation in Haiti;

CONSIDERING:

That the Organization of American States has made efforts to restore the democratic system in Haiti and has maintained an ongoing presence in that country through various missions; and

That as a result of those efforts President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the Presiding Officers of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies of Haiti decided freely to sign, on February 23, 1992, the Protocol of Washington;

BEARING IN MIND that, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention, the OAS has made and is sustaining extraordinary efforts to promote a Haitian solution for the reinstatement of the democratic system,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm in their entirety resolutions MRE/RES.1/91 and MRE/RES. 2/91, of October 3 and 8, 1991, which condemn the disruption of the democratic system in Haiti and recommend the isolation of the de facto regime that arose with the coup d'état of September 30, 1991.

2. To reiterate its full support for the Protocol of Washington, of February 23, 1992, solemnly signed under the auspices of the OAS, which constitutes the Haitian people's solution to the institutional crisis in that country.

3. To repudiate the dilatory and intimidating maneuvers of the sectors that have benefitted from the disruption of democracy, aimed at

preventing ratification of the Protocol of Washington, and to reject any document that disregards it.

4. To urge the member states to adopt whatever actions may be necessary for the greater effectiveness of the measures referred to in resolutions MRE/RES. 1/91 and MRE/RES. 2/91, particularly those in operative paragraphs 5, 6, 8, and 9 of resolution 1/91, and in operative paragraph 4 of section I of resolution 2/91.

5. To adopt the following additional measures:

- a. To expand and intensify the monitoring of the trade embargo on Haiti through the Special Committee of the Permanent Council by measures such as a periodical publication on violations of the embargo as they occur. To urge the member states to increase their cooperation and provide the necessary information.
- b. To acknowledge the support provided by the member countries of the European Economic Community and other countries with economic and commercial ties to Haiti that have suspended their economic and technical cooperation, and to coordinate with them on the enforcement of other measures to make the embargo more effective.
- c. To instruct the Special Committee of the Permanent Council to meet with representatives of the member states involved in any way in actions contravening the embargo, with a view to promoting unity of purpose and action in strengthening its implementation.
- d. To instruct the Secretary General to convoke a technical meeting of member states and observers at Headquarters to be held in June to coordinate strategies for the implementation of the embargo.
- e. To urge the member states to deny access to port facilities to any vessel that does not abide by the embargo and to ensure that air transport is not used to carry goods in violation thereof.
- f. To urge the member states to refrain from granting or to cancel, as appropriate, entry visas issued to the perpetrators and supporters of the coup d'état, and to freeze their assets.
- g. To urge the member states to increase humanitarian aid to the poorest sectors of the Haitian people.
- h. To instruct the Secretary General to maintain coordination with the member states, the observer countries and the inter-American and international organizations for the design and development of a comprehensive program for the economic recovery of Haiti, with

a comprehensive program for the economic recovery of Haiti, with a view to its implementation in consultation with Haiti's constitutional authorities as soon as the country's democratic institutions have been reinstated.

- i. To urge the member states, observers, and international organizations, and private voluntary organizations to assist in relieving humanitarian problems involving emigrés from Haiti.
- j. To suggest that the member states consider the usefulness of reducing their diplomatic missions in Haiti until democratic institutions have been restored in Haiti.

6. To reiterate its serious concern over the continual violations of human rights and to again request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue its ongoing close monitoring of the situation in Haiti, and to keep this ad hoc Meeting informed through the Permanent Council.

7. To request the OAS member and observer states to instruct their representatives to the multilateral financial institutions and to the United Nations to cooperate within those institutions toward enforcement of the measures provided in this resolution. Also, to request the cooperation of the multilateral financial institutions and the United Nations in implementing the measures referred to in operative paragraphs 4 and 5.

8. To urge the observer countries and the international community to support the decisions contained in this resolution and to cooperate in their effective implementation.

9. To emphasize that the OAS and its member states remain fully prepared to facilitate the reestablishment and strengthening of the democratic institutions in Haiti, and resolved to contribute to the economic and social recovery and development of that country and to collaborate in the implementation of the Protocol of Washington, including, in the pertinent content, paragraph 7 thereof.

10. To keep open the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.