

STATEMENT ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN HAITI

The former Heads of State and Government participating in the Democratic Initiative of Spain and the Americas (IDEA) are deeply concerned about the significant institutional and social breakdown currently afflicting Haiti, a nation with historical significance as the second oldest independent country in the Hemisphere and the world's oldest African-descended republic, pivotal in supporting Simon Bolivar's quest for independence. In light of this, a strong appeal is made to democratic governments in the region to collectively shoulder the responsibility for restoring stability and normalcy in Haiti.

They consider the prolonged indifference towards this crisis to be unusual, especially as the UN Security Council has decided to establish a peace mission to aid Haiti. Surprisingly, it is Kenya that is offering resources from a distance for the mission's implementation. Meanwhile, organized crime and drug trafficking gangs are battling for territorial and political control, mirroring the challenges faced in some regions of the Americas. Amidst this chaos, countless innocent victims are perishing, driving many to desperate migration. Women, the elderly, and children are enduring famine, highlighting the failure of American States to uphold the duties that international justice demands.

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