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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

Letter dated 25 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Belize to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address Your Excellency, in my capacity as Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC), to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an additional item, entitled "Technical assistance to Haiti", in the agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, to be considered as a priority and urgent item by the Assembly in plenary session.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum and resolution concerning the request are attached hereto.

(Signed) Carl L. B. ROGERS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The Head of the Provisional Government of Haiti, Mrs. Ertha Pascal-Trouillot, has called upon the United Nations to support the will and the determination of the Haitian people in their quest for the democratic way of life.

2. In her letters to the Secretary-General, dated 23 June 1990 (A/44/965, annex), 9 August 1990 (A/44/973, annex) and 14 September 1990 (A/44/979, annex), the President of Haiti requests assistance in the observation and verification of the electoral process and assistance in drawing up security plans and their implementation. Her specific requests are:

(a) A permanent nucleus of some 50 observers who would arrive in Haiti prior to voter registration and leave only after the elections;

(b) Reinforcements at the time of elections and, if possible, of voter registration, bringing the total to a few hundred observers. Co-ordination with the Organization of American States is envisaged;

(c) Assistance to the Co-ordinating Committee for the security of the elections, to be provided by two or three advisers;

(d) Observation of the implementation of the electoral security plans by specialized staff, that is, by observers, the number of whom remains to be determined, with solid experience in the public order field.

3. The draft resolution contained in document A/44/L.67, which emanated from Haiti's request for assistance to ensure free, fair and credible elections in the Republic of Haiti in support for the desire of the people of Haiti to decide their own destiny, was circulated during the forty-fourth session.

4. Mindful of the time-frame for the registration process, which begins on 5 October 1990, the elections scheduled for 16 December and the need to provide assistance to the Haitian Government, it is imperative that the General Assembly consider the attached draft resolution as a matter of priority.

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APPENDIX

Assistance to Haiti

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the letters dated 23 June 1990 1/ and 9 August 1990 2/ from the President of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Haiti to the Secretary-General, in which the President requested assistance from the United Nations in order to achieve the peaceful and efficient development of the coming electoral process,

Reaffirming the sovereign right of the people of Haiti to choose and participate freely in the determination of their own destiny without any external interference,

Aware of the efforts of the people of Haiti to consolidate their democratic institutions in the face of the potential for destabilization,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with regional organizations and Member States, to provide the broadest possible support to the Government of Haiti in meeting, to the extent possible, the following requests:

(a) A nucleus of some 50 observers that would arrive in Haiti prior to voter registration and would leave only after the elections;

(b) Reinforcement of the nucleus at the time of elections and voter registration, bringing the total to a few hundred observers;

(c) Assistance to the Co-ordinating Committee for the security of the elections, to be provided by two or three advisers;

(d) Observation of the implementation of the electoral security plans by specialized staff, that is, by observers, the number of whom remains to be determined, with solid experience in the public order field;

2. Urges the international community and relevant international organizations to increase their technical, economic and financial co-operation with Haiti, in order to support Haiti's economic and social development efforts;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

1/ A/44/965, annex.

2/ A/44/973, annex.