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ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PERIODIC AND GENUINE ELECTIONS

Letter dated 15 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of
Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in English and French, the text of the statements on Haiti issued by the European Community and its 12 member States on 28 December 1990 and 8 January 1991 (see annexes I and II).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annexes to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections".

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX I

Statement on the elections in Haiti published on 28 December 1990
by the Twelve States members of the European Community

The European Community and its member States welcome the fair and orderly manner in which the recent elections in Haiti have been conducted, as well as the election of Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide to the presidency.

This expression of the people's will through the democratic process has the potential to be a major breakthrough in Haiti's long struggle towards the establishment of a society built on the rule of law, respect for human rights and the promotion of social justice and economic progress.

The Community and its member States, which under the Lomé Convention have significant links with Haiti, are ready to support the efforts of the Government that will be set up in the wake of the elections, to promote political, economic and social progress in that country.

ANNEX II

Statement on Haiti published on 8 January 1991 by the Twelve
States members of the European Community

The European Community and its member States unreservedly condemn the violent seizure of power in Haiti by Mr. Roger Lafontant during the night of 6 to 7 January 1991. This constituted a flagrant violation of the popular will, freely expressed in the presidential elections of last December.

The European Community and its member States are glad that democratic legality has prevailed, and the position of the elected president been upheld, with the help of the country's civil and military authorities.
