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Letter dated 11 October 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the States members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement of the Chairman of CARICOM on the situation in Haiti, issued at Basseterre on 2 October 1991.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 145.

(Signed) Raymond C. TAYLOR
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Annex

**Statement on the situation in Haiti made on 2 October 1991
at Basseterre by the Chairman of the Caribbean Community**

The Caribbean Community is deeply shocked by the action of elements of the armed forces of Haiti in illegally seizing President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and members of his administration and usurping the authority of the duly constituted Government freely chosen by the Haitian people to manage their affairs.

This outrageous action by the Haitian military is an unacceptable expression of cynical contempt for the declared will of the people of Haiti, which was overwhelmingly and unambiguously manifested in the elections of December 1990. The Caribbean Community condemns unreservedly this flagrant assault on the unfolding democratic process in Haiti, and demands the restoration of constitutional order and of Father Aristide to the Presidency of the Republic.

CARICOM believes that this latest act of repression by the Haitian military proves the correctness of its call in the past for concerned international assistance to consolidate democratic gains in Haiti, and once more calls upon the international community to take all appropriate measures to restore democracy and the constitutionally elected Government of Haiti.
