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SECRETARY-GENERAL AND PRESIDENT ARISTIDE DISCUSS SITUATION IN HAITI

President to Call on Secretary-General After Trip to Europe Next Month

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali:

The Secretary-General telephoned President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti last night. They discussed the letters which the Secretary-General had sent to the Presidents of the Security Council and the General Assembly transmitting the letter he had received from a group of Haitian Parliamentarians about a plan to unblock the current impasse. President Aristide thanked the Secretary-General for the action he had taken and for drawing public attention to the situation in Haiti.

The Secretary-General invited President Aristide to pay an early visit to United Nations Headquarters to pursue discussions with him and with the friends of the Secretary-General on the search for a solution to the crisis. President Aristide, who is about to travel, agreed to call on the Secretary-General on his return from Europe on 5 March.

The Secretary-General later spoke to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Haiti, Dante Caputo, had met earlier with the representatives of the Friends of the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General has seen the letter sent to the President of the Security Council by the Permanent Representative of Haiti. He has no comment on it for the present.

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