



# VOICES FOR HAITI

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## ACTION ALERT

We object strongly to the "deal" made by President Clinton's emissaries to Haiti on Sunday, September 18. While the agreement averted a military invasion, it is a setback for democracy and does nothing to end violence. The agreement contains no reference to the return of President Aristide, no reference to a change in power, in fact, no reference at all to the constitutional government of Haiti.

We urge you to call President Clinton and your members of Congress immediately to express outrage and concern over the terms and ambiguity of the agreement reached by former President Jimmy Carter with the Haitian military and defacto government. Use the enclosed talking points for specific responses to the agreement.

President Clinton: 202-456-1111  
 Congressional Switchboard: 202-224-3121

The following seven demands are not new, but all are crucial. For the purposes of a phone call to administration or congress you might pick the three that you feel most strongly about.

In accordance with UN resolutions and the Governors Island Accords, we demand

- \* the immediate restoration of President Aristide
- \* the immediate deployment of a large number of international human rights monitors
- \* no lifting of sanctions targeted toward the perpetrators of the coup until Aristide is restored

We also demand

- \* temporary protected status in the United States for Haitian refugees
- \* sovereignty for the Haitian people
- \* protection of the human and civil rights of Haitians
- \* no U.S. pressure for a blanket amnesty for human rights violators

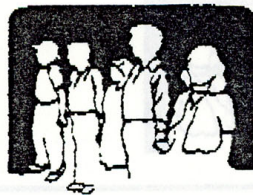
Enclosed are talking points developed by the Washington Office on Haiti, a sample op-ed piece written by Tom Driver, chair of the Witness for Peace Haiti Task Force, and suggested actions from Witness for Peace. Voices for Haiti will issue a press release later today.

**Endorsers**  
 as of June 20, 1994

- American Friends Service Committee
- Beyond Borders
- Church of the Brethren
- The Development GAP
- Ecumenical Project on Central America and the Caribbean
- MADRE
- Maryknoll Society Justice and Peace Office
- Oxfam America
- Pax Christi USA
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- Washington Office on Haiti
- Witness for Peace
- Bay Area Haitian-American Council, CA
- Chicago Coalition for Democracy in Haiti
- Chicago Metropolitan Sanctuary Alliance
- Delaware County Pledge of Resistance, PA
- 8th Day Center for Justice
- Chicago, IL
- Haiti Communications Project
- Boston, MA
- Haitian Ministry Commission, Diocese of Richmond, VA
- Haitian Resettlement Committee, Syracuse, NY
- Michigan Committee for a Democratic Haiti
- Pax Christi Florida
- Pax Christi New Jersey
- St. Joseph Peace & Justice Office, Diocese of Kansas City
- Sisters Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, MI
- St. Louis Voices for Haiti
- St. Michael's Pax Christi
- Memphis, TN
- Sisters Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, MI
- University Baptist Church



# WITNESS FOR PEACE



September 20, 1994

## **ACTION PLAN TO OPPOSE THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY JIMMY CARTER AND EMILE JONASSAINT**

As of this writing the agreement signed by Jimmy Carter and Emile Jonassaint is dictating an unfair and unjust policy toward Haiti. We urge you to activate your networks immediately in an effort to oppose this devastating agreement. Enclosed is an action alert that you should immediately put out to your phone network.

1. Join and help organize emergency delegations to Haiti. Contact the following people for delegation information. All dates are tentative pending the lifting of travel restrictions.  
October 10 -20. Contact Cinny Poppin, 202-319-5544\338-8353  
  
October 1-15, November 14-22, December 3-17. Contact Marcos Beleche, 202-797-1160.  
  
January 7-20, 1995. Tom Driver, 212-662-8209.  
  
Open dates, Washington Office on Haiti. Leigh Carter, 202-543-7095.
2. Activate your phone network. Ask people to call the White House to call in to radio talk shows. Make sure people have the "Talking Points" sheet to help frame their talk show comments.
3. Set up a public meeting place for people to gather to protest the agreement. Be sure to spread the word to local congregations and faith based peace and justice groups as well as other solidarity organizations. Publicize the meeting as much as possible.
4. Help organize nonviolent acts of civil disobedience. Try to get large numbers and/or "high profile" people involved.
5. Plan for demonstrations and CD action over many days to help keep public attention focused on citizen opposition to the agreement.
6. Use the sample Letter to the Editor to write to your local paper or use the "Talking Points" to create your own op-ed piece.
7. Organize a local coalition of peace and faith-based groups to take out an ad in your local paper in opposition to the agreement.