

## **Governors Island Agreement**

3 July 1993

The President of the Republic of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Haiti, Lieutenant-General Raoul Cedras, have agreed that the following arrangements should be made in order to resolve the Haitian crisis. Each of them has agreed to take, within the scope of his powers, all the necessary measures for the implementation of these arrangements. Furthermore, they both, in any case, express their support for the implementation of these arrangements and pledge to cooperate in implementing them.

1. Organization, under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS), of a political dialogue between representatives of the political parties represented in the Parliament, with the participation of representatives of the Presidential Commission, in order to:
  - (a) Agree to a political truce and promote a social pact to create the conditions necessary to ensure a peaceful transition;
  - (b) Reach an agreement on the procedure for enabling the Haitian Parliament to resume its normal functioning;
  - (c) Reach an agreement enabling the Parliament to confirm the Prime Minister as speedily as possible; and
  - (d) Reach an agreement permitting the adoption of the laws necessary for ensuring the transition.
2. Nomination of a Prime Minister by the President of the Republic.
3. Confirmation of the Prime Minister by the legally reconstituted Parliament and his assumption of office in Haiti.
4. Suspension, on the initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General, of the sanctions adopted under Security Council resolution 841 (1993) and suspension, on the initiative of the Secretary-General of OAS, of the other measures adopted at the OAS Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, immediately after the Prime Minister is confirmed and assumes office in Haiti.
5. Implementation, following the agreements with the constitutional Government, of international cooperation:
  - (a) Technical and financial assistance for development;
  - (b) Assistance for the administrative and judicial reform;
  - (c) Assistance for modernizing the Armed Forces of Haiti and establishing a new Police Force with the presence of United Nations personnel in these fields.
6. An amnesty granted by the President of the Republic within the framework of article 147 of the National Constitution and implementation of the other instruments which may be adopted by the Parliament on this question.
7. Adoption of a law establishing the new Police Force. Appointment, within this framework, of the Commander-in-Chief of the Police Force by the President of the Republic.

8. The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Haiti has decided to avail himself of his right to early retirement and the President of the Republic shall appoint a new Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in Haiti, who shall appoint the members of the General Staff, in accordance with the Constitution.

9. Return to Haiti of the President of the Republic, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, on 30 October 1993.

10. Verification by the United Nations and the Organization of American States of fulfilment of all the foregoing commitments.

The President of the Republic and the Commander-in-Chief agree that these arrangements constitute a satisfactory solution to the Haitian crisis and the beginning of a process of national reconciliation. They pledge to cooperate fully in the peaceful transition to a stable and lasting democratic society in which all Haitians will be able to live in a climate of freedom, justice, security and respect for human rights.

Signed:

Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti

General Raoul Cédras, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Haiti