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La Ligue des Droits de l'Homme

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PRESS CONFERENCE
GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF LA LIGUE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME
ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
ORGANIZATIONS PART OF A
NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
HAITIANS

AT THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT
PRESS GALLERY
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The undersigned organizations, along with La Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, request that the Canadian Government urgently adopt a special humanitarian measure to end the deportation of Haïtians.

These organizations consider that such a humanitarian measure is imperative in the light of the many reasons outlined by the great mass of the Canadian population, and in particular because of,

- a) the limitations which are or can be imposed by legal processes and even by the interpretations of international conventions,
- b) the exceptional measures Canada have adopted in the past for the benefit of other groups,
- c) the tradition of openness and humanity that Canada must not only maintain but intensify here and abroad,
- d) the duties we all have as Canadians to help our haïtians brethren in Canada and in Haïti.

We have come to ask the Prime Minister for a meeting, during the next few days, with a delegation representing organizations of this national movement in support of Haïtians.

This movement, which will become stronger in the forthcoming days, is part of a gathering of organizations led by La Ligue des Droits de l'Homme. But we all know that many other groups, as well as a great number of individuals, have already taken a similar position and that the press, mainly in Quebec, has supported them fully during the last few weeks.

The Canadian Government is dutybound to listen to our request at last. The human dignity of Canada is at stake along with that of our haïtian brethren.

MAURICE CHAMPAGNE, Executive Director
LA LIGUE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

ON NOVEMBER 21st, 1974, THE UNDERSIGNED ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- AMNISTY INTERNATIONAL (HALIFAX)
- ASSOCIATION POUR LA DEFENSE DES DROITS SOCIAUX DU MONTREAL METROPOLITAIN (ADDS-MM)
- BARREAU DU QUEBEC
- CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION
- CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES / CONFERENCE CANADIENNE DES EGLISES
- CANADIAN PEACE CONGRESS
- CENTRALE DES ENSEIGNANTS DU QUEBEC (CEQ)
- CENTRE D'ANIMATION POUR LE SERVICE OUTRE-MER
- CENTRE D'OECUMENISME DE MONTREAL / OECUMENICAL CENTER OF MONTREAL
- CENTRE D'INFORMATION FAMILIALE (HULL)
- CENTRE D'INFORMATION ET DE RECHERCHE POUR IMMIGRANTS (CIRI)
- CENTRE D'ETUDES ET DE COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE (CECI)
- CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE CRIMINOLOGIE
- CENTRE PORTUGAIS DE REFERENCE ET DE PROMOTION SOCIALE
- CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE DU DISTRICT DE MONTREAL
- COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (NEW FOUNDLAND)
- CONFEDERATION DES SYNDICATS NATIONAUX (CSN)
- CONFERENCE RELIGIEUSE CANADIENNE (DEPARTEMENT DES MISSIONS)
- CONGRES JUIF CANADIEN / CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS
- CONGRES DU TRAVAIL DU CANADA / CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS
- CONSEIL CANADIEN DE COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE (CCCI - CCIC)
- CONSEIL D'EXPANSION ECONOMIQUE DU QUEBEC (CEEQ)
- CONSEIL QUEBECOIS DE LA PAIX
- CO-OP (ST-LEONARD)
- DERS (HALIFAX)
- ENTRAIDE MISSIONNAIRE INC.
- FEDERATION CANADIENNE DES ASSOCIATIONS DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DES LIBERTES CIVILES / CANADIAN FEDERATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION
- FEDERATION DES A.C.E.F. DU QUEBEC
- FEDERATION DES RALLYES TIERS-MONDE
- FEDERATION DES TRAVAILLEURS DU QUEBEC (FTQ)
- FEDERATION NATIONALE DES ENSEIGNANTS DU QUEBEC (FNEQ)
- INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FREE SOUTH-VIETNAMEESE POLITICAL PRISONERS (TORONTO)
- JEUNESSES ETUDIANTES CATHOLIQUES (JEC) (REGION DE QUEBEC)
- JEUNESSES OUVRIERES CATHOLIQUES (JOC) (REGION DE QUEBEC)
- JEUNESSE RURALE CHRETIENNE (JRC) (NATIONAL)
- JOURNAL "DROIT DE PAROLE"
- LETHBRIDGE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION (ALBERTA)
- LES POLITISES CHRETIENS
- MOUVEMENT DES TRAVAILLEURS CHRETIENS (MTC) (REGION DE QUEBEC)
- MOUVEMENT INDEPENDANT CHRETIEN
- OFFICE NATIONAL D'OECUMENISME
- ORGANISATION CATHOLIQUE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT ET LA PAIX
- OXFAM QUEBEC
- REGROUPEMENT DES COMITES DE CITOYENS DE HULL (RCCH)
- RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (HALIFAX)
- SAINT-JOHN'S OXFAM COMMITTEE (NEW FOUNDLAND)
- SERVICE D'ACCUEIL AUX VOYAGEURS ET AUX IMMIGRANTS (SAVI)
- SERVICE UNIVERSITAIRE CANADIEN OUTRE-MER (SUCCO)
- SOCIETE SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE (SSJB) (MONTREAL)

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- SOUTH OKANAGAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION (PENTICTON B.C.)
- TEN DAYS FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (ST-JOHN - NEW FOUNDLAND)
- VOICE OF WOMEN (HALIFAX)

... AND STILL OTHERS WILL BE ADDED IN THE FORTHCOMING DAYS