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ANNOUNCING THE FIRST CONFERENCE TO BUILD A WORLDWIDE UNITED FRONT OF WILLING HAITIAN, INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FEDERATIONS TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OF THE DIASPORA TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND TO OVERCOME HAITI'S ESTABLISHMENT'S OBSTACLES IN ORDER TO LIFT OUR PEOPLE, OUR NATION FROM POVERTY, DEPENDENCE AND TO SAVE HAITI FROM A FUTURE OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT .

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WHY DO WE NEED A UNITED FRONT WITH SUCH A MISSION?

The Haitian Diaspora (Diaspora) needs a Worldwide Haitian United Front to exert pressure in the political, social, economic, cultural and other realms to achieve enough parity relative to the forces of the Haitian Establishment (the Establishment) to protect the best interest of Haiti nationally and internationally. While the Diaspora is made up of many organizations and extraordinarily capable individuals who are already doing their best to help Haiti, many more are burning with desire to do more to help lift Haiti out of dire poverty and protect its nationals from abuse and indignity. As it stands, it is unable to exert enough pressure to minimally influence anything in and out of Haiti for Haiti.

Specifically, the Diaspora is not yet able to overcome the narrow policy interests of Haiti's selfish Establishment to influence the imposition of long-term economic development policies to lift the Haitian people out of their extreme and dire poverty. The Haitian Establishment resists and, at best, disregards the Diaspora's offer and attempts to reintegrate to help to rebuild the nation even at the point of Haiti's greatest need following the Earthquake which devastated the country which was already weak. **The Diaspora is unable to exercise the right to vote because the Establishment plainly refuses to order the Embassies and the Consulates to facilitate the Diaspora's exercise of its right to vote.** Additionally, the Establishment tramples upon the Ministry of Haitians Living Abroad/Minister des Haitiens Vivant a L'Etranger (MHAVE) which has the potential of serving as a bridge from the government to its Diaspora. However, the Establishment underfunds its budget; excludes the Diaspora from any input in determining the criteria for the minister or input for choosing such minister for this post which barely lasts more than 6 months in office diluting his or her strength for lack of continuity.

Haiti has a tremendous reserve of human resources that have been accumulating over several decades. The Diaspora was born out the turmoil of political dictatorship and economic stagnation and collapse of Haiti. It did not create itself. During reign of Dictators Francois Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Duvalier from 1957 to 1986, Haiti suffered one of

the sharpest losses of population than most other country in the world. Subsequent periods of political repression from 1991 to 1994 and the general decline of Haiti's economy resulted in more flights of population from Haiti.

The various waves of population exodus resulted in the lost of an extraordinary amount of human resources from the country like a tree losing its leaves and branches. Just a couple of years ago, the World Bank researchers issued a report in which they concluded that Haiti has lost 86% of its professionals. This group includes the doctors, lawyers, engineers, professors, accountants, pharmacists, tailors, plumbers, carpenters, writers, artists, filmmakers, etc. These professionals are scattered throughout the world. The population of the Diaspora is approximately 4.5 million Haitians who were born in Haiti living in the Diaspora. The Haitian Diaspora is also made up of approximately 7 million Haitians who were born in the Diaspora outside of Haiti. So, we can approximate a Haitian Diaspora of more than 10 Million people.

For Haiti, the Diaspora is a golden asset that the Establishment is resisting. Right now, the selfish Establishment has a favorable balance of power. However, the Establishment is surmountable. That is why the United Front is essential to shift such a balance and maximize the use of such golden assets for Haiti's development. It's inevitable. But proper organization is the key link. Without an organized and relentlessly sustained campaign for the Diaspora to fully reintegrate to play a greater role in of the life of Haiti, the country will continue to be impoverished while the selfish Establishment is enriched. Under the leadership of the selfish Establishment, Haiti will continue to keep a monopoly on the category of "the poorest nation" whether it's the "poorest" in the hemisphere or the "poorest" in the world.

The only thing the Establishment has allowed the Diaspora to do is to send Billion plus dollars into the country. The Haitian Diaspora sends a remittance in excess of \$2 billion per year and such sum is more than all of the foreign donations that our country receives and depends on to do it annual national budget. The Diaspora's remittance is one of the most significant sources of the sustainable revenue for the Establishment. The Diaspora sends in the money to its family members who constitute a significant sector of the masses. The masses of our people consumed the food, clothing, shelter, communications, and transportation and purchase other services with the Remittances the Diaspora sends home.

The selfish comprador Establishment is enriched as this group serves as the middle men and women who sell to the masses whatever they consume. The Establishment imports these goods mainly from the Dominican Republic to sell to our people who buy their stuff. The Dominican Republic generates revenue and uses such revenue to reinvest in the economy of the Dominican Republic to produce goods to service the Haitian market. The DR's economy flourishes as a result. Poor Haitians flee Haiti to go work in the DR where there are jobs producing stuff to sell to their own people and to poor Haitians who buy these goods with Remittance money the Diaspora sends home. It's a vicious cycle. The two (2) billion plus dollars are not reinvested in Haiti. The money is invested in the pockets of the Establishment and in the DR. In the final analysis, the remittances may be doing more harm than good for the country as Haiti achieves no net gain from this tremendous sum. Perhaps, if the flow of this money is stopped, the Establishment will invest in the economic development of Haiti,

Other than sending in our remittances, the Diaspora is dying to help its country. Currently, the Diaspora does so individually or by organizations that are focused primarily on humanitarian assistance. The problem is that we are not engaged in the political and strategic fight to guide the development of the Haiti to lift its people out of poverty. We cannot overcome the tremendous obstacles as we are presently constituted. That is why we need a United Front of individuals, organizations and federations. We must build this United Front to do the following:

- I. TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF THE DIASPORA TO VOTE, TO FORCE THE REINTEGRATION OF HAITIAN HUMAN RESOURCES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRY WHETHER ON THE CIVIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ATHLETIC, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, DIPLOMATIC LEVELS, ETC;**
- II. TO COMPETE AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT TO RECLAIM, CONTROL, REDIRECT AND REAPPLY ITS \$2 B+ OF REMITTANCES FOR THE HAITIAN PEOPLE'S BEST INTERESTS WHICH INCLUDE THE ECONOMIC, CIVIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HAITIAN REPUBLIC IN ALL ITS ASPECTS;**
- III. TO HELP HAITI ACHIEVE RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO CREATE JOBS, END EXTREME POVERTY AND DEPENDENCY;**
- IV. TO END POLITICAL INSTABILITY BY REFORMING HOW ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN HAITI**
- V. TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF HAITIANS AND PEOPLE OF HAITIAN DESCENT FROM PERSECUTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THE BAHAMAS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD;**
- VI. TO FULLY INTEGRATE INTO THE LIFE OF OUR HOST NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF HOST NATIONS SUCH AS CANADA, FRANCE, THE US, JAMAICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHETHER ON THE CIVIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ATHLETIC, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, DIPLOMATIC LEVELS, ETC;**
- VII. TO TRANSFER HAITIAN CULTURE, CUSTOM, LANGUAGES, AND REINTEGRATE OUR CHILDREN LIVING IN THE DIASPORA BY CELEBRATING ALL OF HAITI'S SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL EVENTS, SETTING UP HAITIAN SCHOOLS TO TEACH KREYOL, FRENCH, CULTURE, HISTORY; TO SET UP TRIPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO BRING OUR CHILDREN TO HAITI TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE, ETC.**