

Meeting of the SI Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean
Ocho Ríos, Jamaica, 26-27 July 2013

DECLARATION ON HAITI

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Meeting in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, on 26-27 July 2013, the SI Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (SICLAC), has discussed, among other things, the deficits of democracy in the region and reflected on strategies to promote the creation of more just and inclusive societies. On the specific situation of Haiti, SICLAC is concerned by the fact that since 2011 elections have not been organised to renew one third of the Senate and the regional communities.

SICLAC calls all political sectors – the Haitian government as well as the opposition – to work within a spirit of democracy and responsibility, to avoid an institutional and political crisis in the country which could damage the progress in that nation.

To this effect, SICLAC suggests that all sectors engage in a political dialogue, to allow for the holding of senatorial and local elections before the end of the year 2013. This will help Haiti to continue on the road towards democratic progress and of economic and social change, to the benefit of its people who have already suffered so much due to repeated political crises.
