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National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON) Stands in Support of House Democrats' Call for Reevaluation of Military Intervention in Haiti

[Irvington, NJ December 09, 2023] - The National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON) strongly endorses the recent call made by a group of House Democrats, urging the Biden administration to reconsider its support for a planned multinational military intervention in Haiti. Proposed by Representative Ayanna Pressley and supported by six Democratic lawmakers, Reps. Yvette Clarke, Rashida Tlaib, Barbara Lee, Jan Schakowsky, and Jim McGovern. This approach underscores the significance of tackling the foundational issues contributing to instability in Haiti, aligning with the concerns expressed in an open letter dated September 22, 2023, from NHAEON and FANM to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and President Joseph Biden.

These Democratic representatives expressed concerns that another armed foreign intervention would not lead to the necessary Haitian-led transition to a democratic government. Instead, it could risk further destabilizing the country, endangering innocent lives, and entrenching the current contested regime.

NHAEON shares the belief that a genuine commitment to supporting the Haitian people requires the United States to withdraw support from de facto Prime Minister Ariel Henry. The network supports the call for encouraging negotiations for a Haitian-led democratic political transition, focusing on inclusive governance and self-determination.

NHAEON acknowledges the concerns raised by the House Democrats regarding the proposed Kenya-led peacekeeping mission. The potential inclusion of Kenyan security forces has raised human rights concerns, and NHAEON supports the call to reevaluate this strategy. The network believes that any security operation must have clear objectives to avoid catastrophic repercussions for the Haitian people. NHAEON joins the House Democrats in calling on Secretary Blinken to prioritize efforts to block gun trafficking to Haiti, recognizing the pivotal role of such shipments in fueling armed gangs. The network advocates for a holistic approach that emphasizes withdrawing support for military intervention and prioritizing a representative transitional government in Haiti.

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