

Reject U.S./U.N./CARICOM Plan for an Armed Intervention of Haiti. Black Alliance for Peace

No to Foreign Militarism, Yes to Self-Determination!

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The Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) is alarmed that representatives of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) are at the forefront of the call for armed intervention in Haiti calling on Rwanda and Kenya to help lead the charge. Once again the Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) calls on the international community to reject U.S., UN, and CARICOM plans for an armed intervention in Haiti. We have been <u>consistent</u> in our support for Haitian people who view the presence of the United Nations Integrated Office (BINUH) and the Core Group as a foreign occupation. Since 2004, they have suppressed Haiti's independence and sovereignty. A U.S./UN-led armed foreign intervention in Haiti is not only illegitimate, but illegal.

CARICOM has <u>caved in</u> to pressure from the Biden administration and now supports the US/UN plan to violently attack Haiti under the racist guise of humanitarian intervention. This stance reverses a position that many members of CARICOM held early this spring; at that time, the organization's president and Prime Minister of Bahamas, **Philip Davis**, said that the Caribbean countries had no intention of sending forces to Haiti. BAP condemns CARICOM's betrayal of the people of Haiti and their complicity in surrendering regional sovereignty to the U.S. and the Core Group's undemocratic and imperialist aims.

And what was the argument advanced by U.S. officials concerning Haiti? We are told that the interest of the U.S. is humanitarian, that it wants to protect the Haitian people from gang violence. Yet, no mention has been made of the Haitian people's constant call for the disbanding of the Core Group, for an arms embargo against the Haitian and U.S. elite who import guns into the country, for the end of support for Haiti's installed puppet government, and for the deep financial crises placed on the people by the IMF-led move to remove fuel subsidies. There are no calls to build either hospitals or schools. And there are no efforts to provide asylum for the thousands of Haitians in the United States, Mexico – and the CARICOM countries themselves.

The call for an armed intervention of Haiti is not about humanitarianism. Indeed, as Erica Caines, co-coordinator of BAP's Haiti/Americas Team, argues:

"It is an ahistorical absurdity that U.S. officials would have any concerns about the lives of the Black people of Haiti. The U.S. has one agenda, and one agenda only, and that is to maintain its hegemonic control over the peoples and territories of the Caribbean and Latin America. The real reason for the violent intervention into Haiti by the U.S. with its European allies, is to shore-up the undemocratic and illegitimate government of Ariel Henry."

It is understandable that unprincipled servants to white power like **Hakeem Jeffries**, the leader of the U.S. House Democrats who attended the CARICOM meeting along with the warmongering U.S. **Secretary of State Anthony Blinken**, would advocate for an imperialist military assault into Haiti to prop-up its unelected puppet regime. But it is a sad day for the Caribbean that a majority of the Black heads of state in CARICOM have agreed to give political cover to this white power intervention against the dignity and rights of the Haitian people. As we said in our earlier <u>letter</u> to CARICOM, "We call on your countries to respect Haitian sovereignty and to support the Haitian masses in their stand against the ongoing occupation of their country by foreign powers."

BAP, once again, is also compelled to call on the representatives of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation to vote against any UNSC resolution sanctioning military force to Haiti.

In our initial <u>communication</u> with the representatives from Russia and China, we made it clear that, "in alignment with the wishes of the Haitian masses and their supporters, [we] absolutely stand against any foreign armed intervention in Haiti." We further demand a stop to the unending meddling in Haitian affairs by the United States and Western powers. We hope that the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China will stand with the people of Haiti in its fight for liberation by voting NO on another military invasion to brutalize the long-suffering Haitian masses.

No to Occupation! No to Foreign Militarism! No to CARICOM Neocolonialism!

Yes to Self-Determination!

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