## Announcement International Solidarity Activity with the people of Haiti

The popular organizations of Haiti, PAPDA and KONBIT, together with the international networks Jubileo Sur/Americas, Alba Movimientos, Assembly of the Peoples of the Caribbean, Council of Popular Education of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Peoples' Assembly call on everyone to join the International Activity that will take place on March 29 under the slogan Solidarity and justice for Haiti!

Let us remember that on March 29, 1987, the Haitian people adopted a new Constitution; This fact was the result of the popular struggles and mobilizations that led to the overthrow of the bloody and far-right dictatorship of the Duvalier family.

However, it should be noted that the current government led by Ariel Henry lacks total legality and illegitimacy. It has followed the IMF mandates to the letter, which translates into catastrophic impacts on the lives of the vast majority of the population: a 260% increase in fuel prices, negative GDP growth, an exchange crisis with a 50% drop in the value of the national currency (gourde) against the dollar and inflation of 48% per year.

Currently, the country is threatened by a wide-ranging humanitarian crisis. It is estimated that there are 4.9 million people in food insecurity out of a population of just over 11 million. In addition, this crisis is aggravated by the resurgence of cholera and the actions of the gangs that keep the population of the capital in a situation of imprisonment With many kidnapping monthly<sup>1</sup>, multiple rapes of women, massacres with balances of more than 70 - 80 deaths in each operation, the rupture of the supply chains, the daily attacks against schools, hospitals, churches, cultural centers, etc.

On the other hand, it is important to highlight the existence of a deep political and institutional crisis with the scheduled destruction of almost all republican institutions. For example, since 2016 no elections have been organized, there is no Parliament.

Faced with these tragedies, the current de-facto government is requesting a new military occupation, whose objective is to use it against the population and organize controlled elections. And, strategically, carry out a change to the Constitution to concentrate power in the figure of a president and eliminate most of the democratic conquests.

## It is within this framework that we assume as our own the demands of the Haitian people:

No to a new foreign military intervention!

Respect for the sovereignty of the Haitian People who must find a solution to the crisis guided by Haitian social and political actors!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A recent report of United Nations talk about 531 violent deaths, 277 kidnappings, 300 injured, and 160 000 displaced as consequence of the gangs' violence against the population between January 1rst and March 15, 2023.

No to a hasty change of the Constitution to satisfy the local oligarchy and imperialism! Solidarity cooperation to defend the life and rights of the Haitian people! No to the continuity transition led by the extreme right! No to the agreement of December 21, 2023!

## **Program for this coming March 29**

On this day we propose to strengthen the brotherhood and the solidarity with the struggle of the Haitian People through:

- Public acts in front of the embassies and consulates of Haiti, United States, Canada and the United Nations.
- Sending notes expressing the rejection of the current situation in the country, to the Haitian embassies.
- International tweet: Haiti free and sovereign (12:00 of Haiti)

## March 31

- International forum: Solidarity and justice for Haiti.

















