



## **DECLARATION OF THE RIO GROUP IN SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN HAITI**

Mexico City, April 14, 2008.

The governments of the member States of the Rio Group, considering the recent events in Haiti and the resignation of Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis and his cabinet, upon the Senate voted to dismiss him on Saturday April 12:

- Assert their support for the people of the Republic of Haiti and its President René Preval.
- Express their wish that the situation returns to normal as soon as possible, and that Haitian democracy can shortly have a new government duly elected in accordance with its effective rule of law and full enjoyment of its sovereignty.
- They also express their confidence in Haiti's peaceful progress to consolidation of its political and social stability, laying the foundations of its economic progress.
- They keep paying attention to developments in Haiti, and endorse their support to the international community actions aimed at fostering a sustainable development and helping to tackle poverty scourge in the country.

\* \* \*