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"Solidarity with Haiti in the Future We Want: Ayiti 2030 Agenda Initiative"

An Open Letter to Members of the Haitian Community and Friends

in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day

January 20, 2025

As we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day on January 20, 2025—a day that also marks America welcoming its newly elected president—we honor the legacy of this civil rights leader by reflecting on his powerful words: *"We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now."* These words resonate deeply as we grapple with the ongoing struggle to sustain hope in Haiti and reclaim our pride as the first Black republic to achieve freedom, won through the sacrifice and blood of our ancestors in their fight against colonialism.

How ironic it is that today, we—descendants of those who fought for liberty—are mocked in a land that proclaims itself the "Land of the Free." We live in fear of deportation, our only crime being forced out of our homeland by unbearable circumstances. These circumstances have been shaped, in large part, by decades of misguided foreign interventions and interference.

Since the much-acclaimed U.S. military intervention in 1994, which was intended to uphold democracy, we have instead seen the dismantling of Haiti's military and a reversal of order in our country. For the past 30 years, we have endured chaos and anarchy fueled by ineffective Haitian leadership, propped up under American tutelage. Unless Haiti is allowed to chart its own course, the much-touted "assistance" provided in the name of empathy will only perpetuate the root causes of our problems, dooming yet another generation of young Haitians.

Recent statements by Senator Rubio, during his confirmation hearing as Secretary of State, praising the increased deployment of troops from Kenya and El Salvador, do not inspire hope for meaningful change. These actions appear to perpetuate the same failed policies that prioritize foreign-led solutions over empowering Haitians to reclaim control of their future.

Despite this, we take a moment to extend our prayers and best wishes to Mr. Trump as he assumes the role of leader of the free world. While his previous rhetoric may have reflected misgivings about us, we remain hopeful that he will prioritize the shared interests of our two nations. We fervently wish that his administration will support *The Future We Want* embodied in the *Ayiti 2030 Agenda Initiative* as a path toward immediate order and stability in our country.

A Call to Action

We urge all members of the Haitian community and their friends to contact their elected representatives and advocate for support of *The Future We Want: The Ayiti 2030 Agenda Initiative.*

The Future We Want:

1. **A United Haiti – Achieved through a transitional government authority that unites all factions and the nation without foreign interference.**
2. **A Country of Institutions – Guided by a transitional government committed to electoral reforms, ensuring that future elections reflect the true will of the people and inspire confidence among all stakeholders, rather than devolving into superficial popularity contests.**
3. **A Country of Jobs – Spearheaded by a transitional government that mobilizes resources from Haitians abroad to launch a massive, community-led relief effort focused on humanitarian intervention—not foreign armed intervention—paving the way for dynamic economic innovation.**

The world must know that, as a people who have cherished freedom as deeply as Americans have, we are fully capable of rebuilding our nation without divisive foreign interference.

Haiti will rise again.
Haiti shall overcome!

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