



## **Strong Condemnation of Dominican Republic’s Plans to Massively Deport Haitian Migrants**

We, the undersigned civil society organizations and academic institutions and networks working on migration, displacement, and human rights in the Americas strongly condemn the Dominican Republic’s plans to deport an estimated 10,000 Haitian migrants daily to unsafe conditions in Haiti. Haiti is in no condition to absorb deported Haitians. The country is facing an out-of-control security and humanitarian crisis. The Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti is understaffed, underfunded and resource poor. It is not a peacekeeping operation, as such it cannot detain this level of violence and destruction. In Haiti there is a history of foreign security forces generating problems and committing abuses in the country.

Sending Haitians back involuntarily is inhuman and cruel. Violent gangs have taken over different areas forcing people to flee to safety and making it impossible for persons to work and meet their basic needs. Over 450 businesses and homes have faced destruction due to fires set by the gangs. An estimated “1,379 people were killed or injured and another 428 were kidnapped between April 1 and June 30, 2024,” according to the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti. The situation is particularly dire for women, girls and pregnant women. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported a 49% increase in gender-based violence in 2023.

According to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)’s Integrated Food Security Classification (IPC) Haiti is suffering a hunger emergency. An estimated 5.4 million people are unable to feed themselves and their families daily. Aside from a security crisis that began after the assassination of President in October 2021, WFP reports that two million Haitians are “facing extreme food shortages, acute malnutrition and high disease levels.” The number of internally displaced has shot up in the past six months to an estimated 700,000. These IDPs live in makeshift shelters in about 100 sites in Port Aux Prince. Of these, an estimated 6,000 are experiencing “catastrophic levels of food insecurity due to

“food shortages, acute malnutrition and high levels of disease.” These IDPs are “facing starvation, death, destitution, and extremely critical acute malnutrition levels.”

Massively deporting Haitians adds insult to injury when there exists systemic racism, xenophobia and rejection of Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent. Many Dominicans of Haitian descent have lost their nationality and face precarious circumstances. Their social leaders are under attack including death threats and social media harassment by nationalists who wish to rid the country of Haitians. Haitian migrants who labor in the country are often mistreated and abused. The international community must condemn this plan and urge that the rights of Haitian migrants, laborers and Dominicans of Haitian descent are respected immediately.

**The following organizations sign this statement:**

**Afrolatino Development Fund - USA**

**Afroresistencia -USA**

**Agrupación Xango por la Inclusion y la Justicia Social - Argentina**

**Articulação Brasileira de Lésbicas (ABL) – Brazil**

**Asociación Civil ABAJO FRONTERAS - Argentina**

**Asociación Comunidades Construyendo Paz en Colombia (Conpazcol) - Colombia**

**Asociación Nacional de Afrocolombianos Desplazados (AFRODES) – Colombia**

**Asociación Tribal Afrodescendiente del Caribe Sur**

**Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) – Argentina**

**Center for Africa and African Diaspora Advancement (CEADA) -USA**

**Colombia Acuerdo de Paz NGO -USA**

**Comité Afro Contra La Discriminación y Xenofobia – Colombia**

**Confederação Nacional dos Servidores Públicos Municipais do Brasil (CONFETAM) - Brazil**

**Consejo Laboral Afrocolombiano (CLAF) - Colombia**

**Consejo Nacional de Paz Afrocolombiano (CONPA) - Colombia**

**Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento (CODHES) – Colombia**

**Corporación Justicia y Dignidad – Colombia**

**Emancipación Comunidad Cristiana Afro**

**Federación Ecuatoriana de Trabajadores Municipales y Provinciales (FETMYP) - Ecuador**

**Federación Internacional de Medios Alternativos de Colombia (FIMACOL) - Colombia**

**Fica Amazonia – Colombia**

**Foro Tribal Afrodescendiente de Costa Rica – Costa Rica**

**Fundación Código Humano -República Dominicana**

**Fundación Conclave Investigativo de las Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales – Chile**

**Fundación Deportiva del Pacífico Sur (FUNDEPACS) - Colombia**

**Fundación para el Desarrollo y Reivindicación Etno-Cultural de las Comunidades Afrodescendientes (Fundación Drecca) -Colombia**

**Fundación Vida Grupo Ecológico Verde -USA**

**Instituto de Estudios Sociales y Culturales Pensar - Pontificia Universidad Javeriana - Colombia**

**International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights (Race and Equality) – Regional**

**Instituto Madre Bernarda – IMABE - Brazil**

**La Nueva Prensa – Colombia**

**Madre de los Falsos Positivos (MAFAPO) - Colombia**

**Maestría en Estudios Críticos de las Migraciones Contemporáneas - Pontificia Universidad Javeriana – Colombia**

**Movimiento Federalista Panafricano Capítulo Colombia - Colombia**

**Movimiento Nacional Cimarrón – Colombia**

**Movimiento Nacional de Madres y Mujeres por La Paz – Colombia**

**Movimiento Social Paro Cívico "Para Vivir con Dignidad y en Paz en el Territorio" – Colombia**

**Movimiento sociocultural de trabajo humanitario y ambiental (MOSCTHA) – Republica Dominicana**

**National Lawyers Guild-Task Force of the Americas - USA**

**Organización Comunidad Haitiana en Chile (CHC) - Chile**

**Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (PCASC) - USA**

**Proceso de las Comunidades Negras (PCN) – Colombia**

**Programa de Investigación y Extensión sobre Afrodescendencia y Estudios Afrodiasporicos (UNIAFRO IDAES UNSAM) - Argentina**

**Proyecto Cultural Sur PCSur Internacional Capítulo Colombia - Colombia**

**Red Internacional Multicultural de Lideres en Acción (RIMLA) -USA**

**Research Center for International Development**

**Si Somos Identidad-Fundación Afrodescendiente por las Diversidades Sociales y Sexuales – Colombia**

**Sociedad de Socorros Mutuos "Unión Caboverdeana" - Argentina**

**Soulsapaz -USA**

**Todos con Mandela - Argentina**

**The Chair in Forced Migration, Inclusion and Human Rights of the University of Guadalajara - Mexico**

Tribunal Internacional de Conciencia de los Pueblos en Movimiento -Mexico

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) - USA

Witness at the Border/Testigos en la Frontera -USA

