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A delegation of Multiple Haitian Civil Society and Haitian American Diaspora organizations Advocates for Reparatory Justice and Equity at the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

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Multiple Haitian Civil Society and Haitian American Diaspora organizations such as Nou Pap Domi, Nègès Mawon, Réseau National de Defense des Droits Humains (RNDDH), Université Itinérante de Résistance, Mouvman Jistis Etik ak Solidarite (MOJEJ), Bosal Mizik, Asosyasyon Kiltirel Sokija (AKS), Action pour la Reforestation et la Defense de l'Environnement (AREDE), KremeKam, Haitian Bridge Alliance, Policité, Mouvement Akò Montana, and Haitian-American Foundation for Democracy (HAFFD) are actively participating in the Third session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, organized under the theme “The Second International Decade for People of African Descent: Addressing Systemic Racism, Reparatory Justice, and Sustainable Development.”

This forum serves as a crucial platform for advancing the rights and well-being of people of African descent globally. During this event, the Delegation will engage in discussions alongside other Haitian delegates, advocating for significant changes and recognizing Haiti's historical significance.

Groundbreaking Role of Haiti

The Haitian Civil Society and Haitian American Diaspora Delegation aims to highlight Haiti's pivotal role in world history when it courageously rose against slavery. Recognizing this historical context is essential for understanding Haiti's unique position in the global struggle for justice and equality.

Restitution and Reparations

The Haitian Civil Society and Haitian American Diaspora Delegation resoundingly endorses the call for restitution and reparations to Haiti. These measures seek to address the historical injustices inflicted upon Haiti and provide a pathway toward healing and empowerment.

Resetting Haiti's Relations

The Haitian Civil Society and Haitian American Diaspora Delegation joins other Haitian delegates in urging for a reset of Haiti's relations with the international community. By doing so, Haiti can accelerate its socio-economic progress and advance human rights within its borders.

The close to twenty-person delegation will include HAFFD Board member Michelle Austin Pamies and Senior Policy Advisor Jocelyn McCalla in these critical discussions. Their participation underscores HAFFD's commitment to advocating for justice, equity, and positive change for people of African descent.

Let us collectively work towards a more just and equitable world.

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About Haitian American Foundation for Democracy

The Haitian-American Foundation for Democracy (HAFFD) actively involves the Haitian American Diaspora and advocates for policies that advance democracy, human rights, economic development, and inclusion. The organization's Board of Directors comprises distinguished individuals, both men and women, who have dedicated over 40 years to community service and leadership. These accomplished leaders bring a wealth of experience from various fields, including government, politics, media, health, law, economics, and education. Their collective expertise aims to uplift Haiti and its diaspora through public policy, community engagement, and philanthropy. HAFFD strives to cultivate the next generation of advocates, equipping them with the skills, vision, and resources needed for holistic and sustainable change. As a beacon of equity and representation, HAFFD champions solutions that benefit both the Haitian American diaspora and Haiti itself

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