

# **Protocol of Agreement between President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and Prime Minister- Designate René Théodore under the Auspices of the Organization of American States (OAS)**

*Washington D.C. 25 February 1992*

In order to establish a climate of confidence, restore the democratic order, stimulate the national economy, consolidate the institutions and facilitate the return to power of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide:

1. The undersigned parties recognize, in setting in motion the restoration of the constitutional order in Haiti, the importance of resolutions MRE/RES.1/91 and MRE/RES.2/91 of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of member countries of the Organization of American States and resolution CP/RES.567 (870/91) of the Permanent Council of the Organization.
2. They recognize, in setting in motion the restoration of the constitutional order in Haiti, the importance of the "protocol between President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the parliamentary negotiating commission to find a definitive solution to the Haitian crisis".
3. They recognize also that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide enjoys fully and completely his constitutional prerogatives as Head of State.
4. The parties pledge to take all necessary measures to guarantee public liberties and to halt all repression and reprisals. To that end, they recognize the necessity for the deployment, as quickly as possible, of the civilian OEA-DEMOC mission and of representatives of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. They urge international organizations, in particular the United Nations, the organizations for the defense of human rights and the international press to spare no effort in their contributions to that endeavor.
5. The parties recognize the need to form a Government of national unity, whose programme will be drawn up -with the political parties represented in Parliament and which support this Government- by the Prime Minister together with the President.
6. In order not only to respect the vote of 16 December 1990 and the mandate relating thereto but also to guarantee the Prime Minister's responsibility for forming the government team, the parties agree that the President and the Prime Minister shall proceed, in agreement, to choose the persons to fill the ministerial posts.
7. The parties recognize the need, once he has been confirmed, for the Prime Minister to work to create the conditions for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. In the meanwhile, the Prime Minister undertakes to meet the President of the Republic, as far as possible every two weeks, to evaluate the functioning of the Government and the conditions

of return. For this meeting, they shall request a report from the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to enable them to evaluate the assistance of that institution with regard to the progress of the return process. One month after ratification, the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Secretary General shall meet to determine the modalities of the return of the President of the Republic.

8. The President undertakes to provide the Prime Minister with all necessary collaboration and political support for the accomplishment of his task in accordance with the provision of the Constitution.

9. The parties recognize the need to request the lifting of the embargo and other sanctions contained in chapter I, paragraph 4, of resolution MRE/RES.2/91 of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of member countries of the Organization of American States at the official request of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, once the Prime Minister has been confirmed and the Government installed.

10. The parties undertake to give particular attention to the military with a view to professionalizing it and establishing better conditions, materially and as regards morale that should enable it to participate in the democratic process and carry out its constitutional task.

11. The parties recognize the need to approach member countries of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, international organizations and the international community in general, in order to obtain emergency assistance for the reconstruction of Haiti's economy and the technical and financial means required to strengthen its institutions.

Done in good faith in triplicate at Washington D.C. on February 25, 1992.

(Signed) Jean-Bertrand Aristide  
President of the Republic of Haiti

(Signed) René Theodore  
Prime Minister-Designate

Signed under the auspices of the Organization of American States

(Signed) João Baena Soares  
Secretary General