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Haiti*

The present report is a summary of 23 stakeholders’ submissions to the universal periodic review. It follows the structure of the general guidelines adopted by the Human Rights Council. It does not contain any opinions, views or suggestions on the part of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), nor any judgement or determination in relation to specific claims. The information included herein has been systematically referenced in endnotes and, to the extent possible, the original texts have not been altered. Lack of information or focus on specific issues may be due to the absence of submissions by stakeholders regarding these particular issues. The full texts of all submissions received are available on the OHCHR website. The report has been prepared taking into consideration the four-year periodicity of the first cycle of the review.

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I. Background and framework

A. Scope of international obligations

1. Joint Submission 1 (JS1) stated that Haiti had ratified several of the core human rights treaties and the core ILO Conventions but did not ratify the international Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. The Plateforme des Organisations Haïtiennes des Droits Humains (POHDH) recommended that Haiti ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

2. Joint Submission 5 (JS5) reported that the Constitution provided that international treaties that had been ratified were self-executing and automatically became part of the law of the country. Nevertheless, POHDH recommended that Haiti adopt implementing legislation for the conventions ratified.

B. Constitutional and legislative framework

3. POHDH reported that the Constitution explicitly establishes certain economic, social and cultural rights.

4. Amnesty International (AI) recommended that Haiti adopt and implement without delay a Children’s Code incorporating the provisions of international human rights treaties, while Joint Submission 3 (JS3) urged Haiti to pass the law on the integration of persons with disabilities.

C. Institutional and human rights infrastructure

5. The Association des Jeunes Progressistes pour le Développement du Sud d’Haïti (AJPDSH) encouraged Haiti to decentralize State administration.

6. JS1 recommended that Haiti expand the scope and build the capacity of the Office de la Protection du Citoyen for implementation of all of its international human rights obligations, consistent with the Paris Principles.

7. The Office de la Protection du Citoyen (OPC) referred to the limitations of the Institute for Social Welfare, an independent directorate within the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

8. OPC noted the creation of a Secretariat of State for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities (SEIPH) in 2007 and recommended that the framework law on the SEIPH be adopted.

9. OPC noted the creation of the Anti-Corruption Unit and the Central Unit of Financial Information, and recommended that Haiti adopt effective measures in order to try persons involved in acts of corruption.

10. Joint Submission 3 (JS3) referred to the establishment in 2003 of a specialized unit of the Haitian National Police, the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM). However, it noted that BPM was underfunded, understaffed and, unable to fully respond to child protection problems when they arose.
D. Policy measures

11. JS7 reported that decision-making authority on matters related to reconstruction was exercised concurrently by the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission and national lawmaking bodies. Joint Submission 11 (JS11) stated that the decisions of this institution undermined national sovereignty. JS1 stated that stakeholders should be allowed to fully participate in the rebuilding process, and to facilitate this, information about aid must be transparent and the population routinely consulted.

12. Human Rights Watch (HRW) indicated that the earthquake had further weakened the capacity of Haitian National Police. AI recommended that Haiti provide security forces with adequate training and supervision in order to implement and ensure strict observance of international human rights standards.

II. Promotion and protection of human rights on the ground

A. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

Cooperation with special procedures

13. POHDH recommended that Haiti issue an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers.

B. Implementation of international human rights obligations, taking into account applicable international humanitarian law

1. Equality and non-discrimination

14. OPC reported that the principle of equality between men and women was laid down in the Constitution. According to the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (IACHR), discrimination of women remained a widespread and tolerated phenomenon in Haiti, which had resulted in women having a disadvantaged position in the economic, education, health, justice, labor and decision-making sectors. POHDH added that the Government was preparing an equality act specifically prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sex within the framework of its public policy. JS1 added that sexual harassment was not included as prohibited discrimination in Haiti’s labor code.

15. POHDH recommended that Haiti implement the equality policy at every level of the State apparatus and take measures to effectively fight all forms of stereotypes and discrimination against women.

16. HRW stated that women’s lack of access to economic security increased their vulnerability to other forms of insecurity, as women resort to risky behaviors to survive. HRW recommended Haiti to integrate a gender perspective into recovery and reconstruction plans.

2. Right to life, liberty and security of the person

17. OPC reported that according to official estimates, between 250,000 and 300,000 persons had died on 12 January 2010 and 300,000 persons had been injured.

18. Joint Submission 10 (JS10) reported that Government agents routinely subjected prisoners to torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, despite
having laws that prohibit these acts. OPC, AI and JS10 referred to the uprising at the civilian prison at Les Cayes in January 2010. An international commission of inquiry found prison officers to be responsible. AI and JS10 mentioned that the police shot dead 12 people in this case.  

19. Joint submission 2 (JS2) reported that human rights defenders had been targeted for violence, including rape, and extortion for their work defending rape victims.

20. HRW reported that Haiti suffered from chronic and severe overcrowding in prisons when the earthquake hit. In 2008, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights decided that Haiti shall adopt, within a reasonable time, the necessary legislative, administrative and any other measures to substantially improve the conditions of the Haitian prisons. AI was concerned that some prison conditions could amount to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. JS10 stated that the 2010 earthquake destroyed or severely damaged several detention facilities. OPC and HRW referred to the mass jailbreaks which had occurred after the earthquake.

21. AI, PODH and JS10 stated that preventive and long-term pre-trial detention remained the rule. OPC reported that the high rate of prolonged preventive detention was due to the improper administration of justice, the shortage and inefficient use of available resources and shortcomings on the part of the prosecutors’ offices, as well as corruption and the slow pace of the courts. POHDH recommended that Haiti try all persons being held in preventive detention within a reasonable period of time, revise the legislation on detention and propose alternatives to imprisonment. AI recommended that Haiti address the problem of overcrowding in prisons, take all the necessary measures, as a matter of urgency, to address the backlog of cases in prolonged pre-trial detention and guarantee the right to habeas corpus.

22. OPC reported that, in light of endemic health and hygiene problems in the prison system, the prison authorities had taken measures to improve detention conditions. POHDH also mentioned problems relating to access to drinking water and health care, which had worsened since the earthquake. HRW recommended that Haiti improve food supply, sanitation, and access to medicine and health services within prisons. HRW and JS10 mentioned that the cholera 2010 epidemic affected prisons and HRW made recommendations in this regard. In 2011, IACHR urged third countries to suspend deportations to Haiti of persons of Haitian origin with criminal charges or indictments, who were seriously ill or who had family members in their country.

23. JS10 reported that Haiti had only one prison designated exclusively for women offenders while, elsewhere, women were detained in separate cells in mixed-gender facilities.

24. OPC reported that a decree issued in 2005 had amended the legislation on sexual assault and eliminated discrimination against women in the Criminal Code. POHDH reported that the framework law on violence against women had not been adopted. AI referred to the adoption, in 2005, of the 2006–2011 National Plan to Combat Violence Against Women but indicated that little had been achieved in implementing these commitments. POHDH added that gender relations based on prejudice and violence remained a major problem. JS3 alleged that rape of women and girls had dramatically escalated after the earthquake.

25. JS2 indicated that medical services providers were overwhelmed and unable to meet healthcare needs stemming from the assaults; women reported a lack of privacy and limited access to female healthcare providers. JS2 reported that many victims were afraid to report sexual violence to the police because of the lack of police response, threats of retaliation made by the attacker, and embarrassment due to the general social stigma
associated with rape. JS2 added that the overwhelming majority of rapes in Haiti post-earthquake have gone unpunished.

26. AI recommended that Haiti ensure that legislative measures and programs to prevent sexual violence were fully and effectively implemented at the national and local levels. OPC recommended that Haiti strengthen the prosecution of perpetrators of rape. POHDH recommended that Haiti establish more care facilities for female victims of domestic violence and launch an awareness-raising campaign on sexual violence. JS3 recommended that Haiti provide better training for police officers in responding to victims of sexual violence.

27. AI, HRW, JS1, Joint Submission 9 (JS9) and Restavèk Freedom (RF) referred to the issue of child domestic workers (restavèk). Although a 2003 law prohibited the employment of child domestic workers, AI and RF noted that the phenomenon persisted. RF stated that this law failed to include penalties for violating the law. HRW stated that these children were often unpaid, denied education, and physically and sexually abused. Unaccompanied minors and orphans, who increased in number after the earthquake, were vulnerable to this form of forced labour. RF described the living conditions of these children and noted that the majority were girls. RF notably recommended that Haiti enforce the law against restavèk and develop a plan of action, in consultation with civil society to address the root causes of the restavèk situation.

28. POHDH reported that child trafficking was a serious problem, particularly on the border with the Dominican Republic, and that it had escalated since the earthquake. RF noted the complete lack of anti-trafficking legislation.

29. While noting that it was unclear whether or not corporal punishment was lawful in the home, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children (GIEACPC) hoped that the review will highlight the importance of enacting and implementing prohibition of corporal punishment of children in the home and other settings.

3. Administration of justice, including impunity, and the rule of law

30. AI reported that impunity for past human rights violations prevailed in Haiti. AI and JS10 stated that the return of Jean-Claude Duvalier to Haiti offered a unique opportunity to address the alleged human rights violations committed throughout his 15 years in power. AI also mentioned other specific cases of impunity. HRW noted that victims expressed concerns about their safety within the investigation of Duvalier. HRW recommended that Haiti exhaust all judicial avenues in the prosecution of Jean-Claude Duvalier and continue to strengthen the rule of law by investigating and prosecuting past crimes.

31. OPC referred to the Supreme Council of the Judiciary Act, the Status of Magistrates Act and the Legal Service Training College Act. It also referred to articles 173 to 184 of the Constitution which establish the exercise of judicial power. POHDH reported that these laws were not implemented for political reasons. OPC reported that the destruction of the judicial infrastructure in the capital had significantly slowed down the legal services. OPC recommended that Haiti take firm action to revive the reform, bring legislation into line with the ratified international instruments and provide the judicial system with adequate resources. OPC also recommended that Haiti integrate the judicial reform into the reconstruction plan. While JS10 mentioned the unlawful appointments and removals of judges and Supreme Court justices, AI recommended that Haiti name without delay the President of the Supreme Court and the President of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary.

32. JS10 referred to the unfair trial procedures and the lack of defence counsel.
33. OPC reported that there was a court system for minors and a detention centre for boys which was being rebuilt and extended after it had collapsed. OPC referred to the academic training received by the juvenile detainees. JS3 noted that, while the Penal Code prohibited the incarceration of children under 16 years old, younger children were routinely held in prison; minors were not segregated from the adult population; and that pre-trial detention was used to detain juveniles. JS3 added that institutions of remedial education, as required under the Penal Code for children below 16 years, were non-existent.

34. JS3 notably recommended that Haiti establish at least 3 children courts in the country and develop alternative methods of holding children accountable for their illegal acts by focusing more on rehabilitation, and less on punitive measures.

35. JS8 referred to the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) signed between MINUSTAH and Haiti and further reported on alleged human rights violations committed by MINUSTAH members for whose investigation results remained unknown. JS8 recommended that Haiti renegotiate the SOFA with the UN to allow for accountability of MINUSTAH members.

4. Right to privacy, marriage and family life

36. OPC referred to the three components of the right to identity (civil, electoral and tax status) and the loss of the civil status documents of over 500,000 persons after the earthquake. However, OPC noted that the National Identification Office had already registered half of the population. POHDH reported that lack of means of identification was an indicator that certain social groups were being marginalized. This included Haitians migrating abroad who did not have access to a birth certificate.

37. OPC recommended that Haiti continue its efforts to improve access to civil registry offices and to coordinate the three components of the problem, as well as take measures to simplify the procedures relating to the loss and replacement of identity documents, particularly civil status records. POHDH recommended that Haiti adopt the Act establishing the National Identification Office.

38. OPC reported that the normative framework regulating family law created insecurity and social injustice for children of consensual unions, the predominant form of union in the country. POHDH recommended that laws on consensual unions, filiation, and responsible fatherhood and motherhood be adopted.

39. OPC reported that interest in child adoption had increased after the earthquake. HRW echoed concerns raised about improper processing of inter-country adoption in violation of domestic and international standards.

5. Freedom of religion or belief, expression, association and peaceful assembly and right to participate in public and political life

40. POHDH reported that since 2006, elections had been characterized by low levels of participation, international control, and domination of the electoral apparatus by political parties and/or the Government. POHDH also reported infighting, a huge lack of credibility, election rigging, fear and the general disillusion noted by both national and foreign independent observers.

41. Joint submission 4 (JS4) reported that a permanent electoral council (CEP), as provided for in the Constitution, had never been established and that elections in Haiti were organized by a provisional electoral council which was not legally constituted. OPC recommended in particular that Haiti establish a body to draft legislation on how the departmental assemblies will operate after the Permanent Electoral Council has been established.
42. JS4 reported that since the polls in 2009, the CEP had excluded some political parties, including Fanmi Lavalas, without justification or legal authority. JS4 also reported problems with the registration of voters on the electoral roll for the November 2010 elections, mainly because of the setting up of operation and verification centres to register voters from camps for the internally displaced, which was not in line with the electoral law. JS4 added that both the Haitian Government and the international community had failed to prevent irregularities and violence during the 2010 polls. Lastly, JS4 reported that the vote-counting procedures had not been respected and that the international community had imposed a result without taking account of the numerous irregularities and vote rigging.

43. HRW recommended that Haiti include more female representatives, with voting power, on the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission.

6. Right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work

44. While recalling that rates of un- and underemployment were high and that job creation was among the key priorities of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, JS9 reported on the limited numbers of programs for employment. AJPDSH encouraged Haiti to train young academics in preparation for the labour market, in particular by means of paid internships.

45. JS9 recommended that Haiti strengthen administrative infrastructure to monitor and enforce all rights contained in the Labor Code.

7. Right to social security and to an adequate standard of living

46. HRW indicated that, for many Haitians, the earthquake increased the daily strain of extreme poverty. JS9 reported that 80 per cent of the population lived under the poverty line, and more than half lived in abject poverty. JS6 reported that as much as 70 per cent of the Haitian population earned a living either directly or indirectly through the agricultural sector.

47. JS1, JS5, JS7 and the Lamp for Haiti Foundation (LHF) reported that the Constitution stated that “[t]he State recognizes the right of every citizen to decent housing, education, food and social security.”

48. POHDH reported that taxpayers had a negative opinion of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour because of the politicization of its services at the expense of protecting interests and providing services. Joint Submission 6 (JS6) added that continued and substantial debt service had disabled the government’s ability to invest in social services.

49. POHDH reported that over half the population was affected by malnutrition, particularly rural communities. It also mentioned that the Haitian economy had been crippled after the imposition of structural adjustment policies. Consequently, over 50 per cent of food was now imported. JS6 furthermore indicated that the food provided through direct assistance was often inadequate and could be harmful to the sustainability and availability of local food for purchase.

50. POHDH recommended that Haiti draw up and implement an agricultural policy capable of recapitalizing farms and reviving crop and livestock production, while prioritizing food production.

51. HRW indicated that, already weak prior to the earthquake; the health system had struggled under increased pressure. OPC reported that the primary health-care needs of
60 per cent of the population were not being met. OPC recalled that since October 2010, the country had been struck by a cholera epidemic. HRW stated that 4000 people died from that epidemic by early February 2011. JS3 stated that the Government’s response to providing preventive services for children was widely inadequate. HRW recommended that Haiti rebuild the health sector to ensure access to universal primary health care for all.

52. JS5 indicated that the Constitution stated that any practices that might disturb the ecological balance were strictly forbidden. A 2006 Management of the Environment Decree defined the national policy on environmental management and sustainable development. JS5 indicated that as much as 95 per cent of forests had been lost. JS5 recommended that reconstruction and environmental protection efforts must promote community woodlands operated and/or owned co-operatively. JS5 reported that the extractive sector represented a relatively low portion of Haiti’s GDP; however, increased mining activities presented grave implications for land use and planning objectives and entailed a number of environmental concerns. JS5 recommended that environmental analysis must be injected into all aspects of decision-making and that stakeholder engagement must be a central activity of all such assessments.

53. JS3 noted that the earthquake left Haiti coping with a great number of physically disabled people, including children. JS1 reported that many of these children were abandoned because of the costs associated with caring for them, and because of a history of shunning the disabled.

54. POHDH noted that most homes were cramped and dilapidated. POHDH and JS7 referred to the increase of rent prices. LHF indicated that millions were living in slums prior to the earthquake, where living conditions were inhuman. LHF presented the specific case of Cité Soleil, one of the largest slums in Haiti. OPC reported the mass destruction of apartments, schools and commercial buildings as a result of the earthquake, as well as the country’s most important government buildings, including the Parliament and the Palace of Justice.

55. JS7 reported that Haiti had failed to protect housing rights or to marshal the resources of existing institutions in this regard. JS7 recommended that Haiti adopt a national housing strategy and authorise the Division of Social Housing Promotion and Planning to administer it.

56. OPC recommended that Haiti adopt provisions to ensure that reconstruction efforts take into account respect for the right to housing and education, as well the protection of vulnerable groups. HRW notably recommended that Haiti draft a clear, comprehensive plan to address the housing problems that have arisen after the earthquake and effectively communicate the plan, with benchmarks and clear expectations, to camp residents and other persons displaced by the earthquake. JS5 recommended that Haiti implement land titling procedures that provide a variety of options based on the needs and customs of the local populations.

57. JS5 indicated that, as of March 2011, less than 20 per cent of the rubble from the earthquake had been removed, that their removal had consistently been undertaken without adequate safety equipment and that they had frequently been placed in ecologically sensitive areas. JS5 made recommendations in this regard.

58. JS6 indicated that, in 2009, Haiti established the Direction Nationale de l’Eau Potable et de l’Assainissement. JS5 stated that, even prior to the 2010 earthquake, the sanitation and hygiene infrastructure had long been non-functional throughout much of Haiti, especially in rural areas. Since the earthquake, many rural towns had become de facto urban areas, due to influx of refugees from Port-au-Prince.
with unsanitary conditions, the lack of water was a major factor in exacerbating Haiti’s health crises.\textsuperscript{144}

59. HRW recommended that Haiti follow through with implementation of the 2009 water reforms, including the development of a national water and sanitation sector, and the regulation and control of all actors.\textsuperscript{145}

8. **Right to education and to participate in the cultural life of the community**

60. Asamble VwaZen Solino (AVS) and JS3 noted that the Constitution provided for free compulsory primary education.\textsuperscript{146}

61. OPC reported that a national education and training plan and a programme for improving the quality of education had been adopted.\textsuperscript{147} AVS noted that the earthquake destroyed or badly damaged at least half of the nation’s 15,000 primary and 1,500 secondary schools and that the entire school system shut down for three months following the earthquake. Efforts to build temporary schools within camps were often blocked by landowners who feared that the camps will turn into permanent settlements.\textsuperscript{148} Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice (IIMA) reported that these schools were not adequate.\textsuperscript{149} POHDH reported that 92 per cent of education was private. Over 500,000 children of school age did not have access to education, illiteracy levels were high, staff numbers were insufficient and unequally distributed, teacher training was in decline and basic learning resources were almost non-existent.\textsuperscript{150} IIMA reported that discrimination against girls in access to education was marked.\textsuperscript{151}

62. HRW noted that, prior to the earthquake, only about half of primary school-age children in Haiti attended school.\textsuperscript{152} AVS indicated that school fees varied widely depending on the school, education level and whether the school was in an urban or rural area. While public schools had lower costs, numerous “hidden” fees — for school maintenance, uniforms, books, and teacher-salary augmentation — put even public education out of the reach of many parents.\textsuperscript{153} AVS added that rural areas had not insufficient and inadequately funded school, what constituted one push factor behind unsustainable population migration to more urban areas.\textsuperscript{154}

63. HRW recommended that Haiti develop and implement a plan towards the realization of universal primary education.\textsuperscript{155} POHDH also recommended that Haiti establish free primary schools throughout the country.\textsuperscript{156} OPC recommended that Haiti draw up a career plan for teachers.\textsuperscript{157} AVS recommended that Haiti increase the national budgetary allocation for education to at least 25 per cent; implement special efforts, particularly in rural areas, to ensure that young girls are provided the same access to education as boys; provide instruction in Haitian Creole at all educational levels; provide, regulate and monitor training to all teachers in both the public and private schools; and adequately fund and build the capacity of quality control agencies.\textsuperscript{158}

64. JS3 referred to the difficulties met by parents to take their disabled children to schools and indicated that most schools in Haiti were not built with access for disabled children.\textsuperscript{159}

65. IIMA stated that Haiti should create a high-quality higher education system adapted to the current situation and local society, and able to produce professionals who are willing to work in Haiti.\textsuperscript{160}

9. **Internally displaced persons**

66. POHDH recalled the Haiti Recovery and Reconstruction Plan which only applied to homeowners and not tenants.\textsuperscript{161} AI reported that displaced people occupying private land had been forcibly evicted by landowners, on most occasions with the assistance of the
police or armed men. In April 2010, the government announced a six-week freeze on forced evictions of displaced people, but lacked the capacity to enforce the measure.\textsuperscript{162} In November 2010, IAHRC asked Haiti to adopt a moratorium on the expulsions from the camps until a new government can take office.\textsuperscript{163} JS3 indicated that most evictions were currently carried out extra-judicially.\textsuperscript{164} JS3 stated that forced evictions disproportionately affected children and other vulnerable groups.\textsuperscript{165}

67. JS7 indicated that, in March 2010, the Government authorized the seizure of more than 17,000 parcels of vacant land but reportedly designated only five plots of land for transitional shelter in downtown Port-au-Prince.\textsuperscript{166}

68. JS7 reported that the 2010 draft \textit{Neighborhood Return and Housing Reconstruction Framework}, created by the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission in consultation with the Government and the UN’s Shelter Cluster did not adequately reflect international guidelines on durable solutions for IDPs.\textsuperscript{167}

69. HRW added that the lack of security was a concern expressed by residents, notably women.\textsuperscript{168} JS3 stated that lack of access to adequate housing continued to affect the security, physical and mental health of children.\textsuperscript{169}

70. OPC reported that the earthquake had contributed to a significant increase in acts of violence against women in camps for the internally displaced.\textsuperscript{170} While the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (CHRGJ) provided figures in four camps,\textsuperscript{171} HRW stated that it was difficult to get accurate quantitative data in this regard.\textsuperscript{172}

71. In 2010, the IACHR granted precautionary measures for all the displaced women and children living in 22 camps notably relating to medical and mental support and protection of victims and to the security in camps.\textsuperscript{173} A number of submissions, including IACHR, underlined the need for the participation of women in planning and implementing policies on violence in camps.\textsuperscript{174} JS2 stated that it was critical for Haiti to implement the IACHR’s recommendations and accountability mechanisms for human rights violations.\textsuperscript{175}

72. HRW recommended that Haiti continue to provide, and increase where necessary, security in camps to protect camp residents, especially women and children.\textsuperscript{176} JS8 noted failure in protecting women and children in camps.\textsuperscript{177}

73. AI reported that displaced people living in camps and host communities had had to rely largely on international agencies and NGOs whose efforts had been hampered by the authorities’ failure to produce an effective and comprehensive plan for managing disaster efforts.\textsuperscript{178} HRW indicated that, over a year after the earthquake, the emergency shelters could not stand up to the elements.\textsuperscript{179} JS6 referred to the squalid living conditions in camps and limited access to latrines, which created a sanitation crisis in the IDP camps and were a major public health threat.\textsuperscript{180} JS7 stated that Haiti had failed to provide alternative housing options outside of the IDP camps.\textsuperscript{181}

74. HRW indicated that there were plans to charge residents for water usage, which will make potable water economically inaccessible to them.\textsuperscript{182}

III. \textbf{Achievements, best practices, challenges and constraints}

75. IACHR stated that, as a consequence of the 2010 earthquake, the existing challenges were compounded by new problems of a unique nature.\textsuperscript{183} JS1 urged Haiti to use this opportunity to review its pervasive shortcomings in both its policies and practices, and to commit to not rebuild Haiti as it existed prior to the earthquake, but to build it into a country that respects and promotes human rights in a sustainable and autonomous fashion.\textsuperscript{184}
IV. Key national priorities, initiatives and commitments

N/A

V. Capacity-building and technical assistance

76. JS6 stated that, on 30 March 2010, donors pledged a total of $5.3 billion toward long-term reconstruction, and directed the funds toward specific priority sectors identified by the Government in the Action Plan for Reconstruction and Development to achieve the reconstruction goals. JS2 mentioned that much of the funding pledged had still not been released. Of the money released, a large portion had not yet been spent and much of it had gone to international aid agencies, not to Haitian organizations or the government.

77. JS6 stated that the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission was established after the 2010 donors conference to improve coordination. JS6 stated that Haiti must work to strengthen its ability to lead and coordinate the activities of donor countries, intergovernmental organizations and NGOs to ensure that they take an approach that brings human rights to the forefront of all assistance efforts. JS6 recommended that Haiti and international actors ensure transparency throughout all stages of aid planning and distribution and that Haiti should work to build the capacity of the OPC or create a national office to receive, investigate, and respond to complaints about violations of human rights relating to international assistance.

Notes

1 The stakeholders listed below have contributed information for this summary; the full texts of all original submissions are available at: www.ohchr.org. (One asterisk denotes a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.)

Civil society
- AI: Amnesty International, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*;
- APJDSH: Association des Jeunes Progressistes pour le Développement du Sud d’Haiti; Cayes, Haiti;
- AVS: Asanble Vwazen Solino, submission endorsed by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Center for Constitutional Rights; Conférence des universitaires pour la défense des droits et de la liberté; Fanm Viktim Leve Kanpe (FAVILEK); Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Link Haiti, Inc.; Paloma Institute; UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic; and Unity Ayiti; Port-au-Prince, Haiti;
- CHRGJ: Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York, NY, United States of America;
- GIEACPC: Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- HRW: Human Rights Watch, New York, United States*;
- IIMA: Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice, Veyrier, Switzerland*;
- JS1: Joint Submission 1 submitted by: Lawyers’ Earthquake Response Network; Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti;
- JS2: Joint Submission 2 submitted by: MADRE, New York, United States*; Komisyon Fanm Viktim Pou Viktim (KOFAVIV); Fanm Viktim Leve Kanpe (FAVILEK); Kodinasyon Nasyonal Viktim Direk (KONAMVID); Women’s Link Worldwide; The International Women’s Human Rights (IWHR) Clinic at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law; Best Practices Policy Project (BPPP); Human Rights Clinic (University of Miami School of Law); International Human Rights Law Clinic (University of Virginia School of Law) and; endorsed by: The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH); The Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI);
Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR);

JS3 Joint Submission 3 submitted by: Fondasyon Kolezepòl pou Sove Timoun; Moun Viktim (MOVI); Action des Unités Motivées pour une Haïti de Droit (AUMOD); and endorsed by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Center for Constitutional Rights; Conférence des universitaires pour la défense des droits et de la liberté; Fann Viktim Leve Kanpe (FAVILEK); Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Link Haiti, Inc.; Paloma Institute; UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic; and Unity Ayiti;

JS4 Joint Submission 4 submitted by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Canada Haiti Action Network; TransAfrica Forum; Louisiana Justice Institute and endorsed by: Bri Kouri Nouvel Gaye; Center for Constitutional Rights; Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti; Klèdev; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Let Haiti Live; Link Haiti, Inc.; Paloma Institute; UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic; Unity Ayiti;

JS5 Joint Submission 5 submitted by: Association Haïtienne de Droit de l’Environnement (AHDEN); Environmental Justice Initiative for Haiti; National Lawyers Guild-Environmental Justice Committee and endorsed by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Link Haiti, Inc.; Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Haiti; Other Worlds Are Possible; Paloma Institute; UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic; Unity Ayiti;

JS6 Joint Submission 6 submitted by: Center for Human Rights and Global Justice (NYU School of Law); Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti; Link Haiti, Inc.; Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, Washington D.C., USA* and endorsed by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Center for Constitutional Rights; Conférence des universitaires pour la défense des droits et de la liberté; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Haiti; Paloma Institute; Sustainable Organic Integrated Livelihoods (SOIL); UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic; Unity Ayiti; You.Me.We;

JS7 Joint Submission 7 submitted by: Camp Benediction; Camp CAPVVA; Camp Cavil; Camp CCTT; Camp COSSBAMI; Camp CR-5; Camp Faitree Michiko; Camp Imaculée Déplacée; Camp Michiko I; Camp Mosaique; Camp Refuge; Camp SOHOMO; Camp Toussaint Louverture; Groupe d’Action pour la Défense des Droits Humains en Haïti; International Action Ties; MOSFV; You.Me.We; and endorsed by: Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; Center for Constitutional Rights; Conférence des universitaires pour la défense des droits et de la liberté; LAMP for Haiti Foundation; Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Haiti; Paloma Institute; You.Me.We;

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OPC Office de la Protection du Citoyen et de la Citoyenneté, Port-au-Prince, Haïti.

Regional intergovernmental organization
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