February 2, 2011

RE: Request for Precautionary Measures
MC-5-11 US (Gary Resil, Harry Mocombe, Roland Joseph, Evel Camelien and Pierre Louis)
United States

Dear Madam:

On behalf of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), I am pleased to address you with respect to your request for precautionary measures to protect the life and physical integrity of Gary Resil, Harry Mocombe, Roland Joseph, Evel Camelien, and Pierre Louis, Haitian nationals reportedly being processed for deportation from the United States.

I also wish to inform you that in a note of today's date, the Commission addressed the State of United States pursuant to Article 25 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure in order to request the adoption of urgent measures in favor of the above-mentioned person. Specifically, the Commission requested that the Government of United States:

In light of these circumstances, and without prejudice to other actions that Your Excellency’s Government may deem appropriate, the Commission considers it necessary to request the adoption of the urgent measures necessary to ensure that the named beneficiaries Gary Resil, Harry Mocombe, Roland Joseph, Evel Camelien, and Pierre Louis are not deported until such time as:

1. Conditions are in place in Haiti to guarantee that detention conditions and access to medical care for persons in custody comply with applicable minimum standards; and
2. The procedures in place to decide upon and review the deportation of those named take adequately into account their right to family life and their family ties in the United States.

In its communication to United States, the Commission also requested that the State provide the Commission with information concerning compliance with these measures within 5 days of receipt of the communication, and thereafter on a periodic basis. In view of the observations of the parties on compliance, the Commission will decide whether to extend or lift the measures.

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The Commission wishes to note that in accordance with Article 25(9) of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure that the granting of these measures and their adoption by the State shall not constitute a prejudgment on the merits of a case.

The IACHR posts on its Web site (www.cidh.org) a summary of the precautionary measures that have been granted. The summary identifies the beneficiaries of the precautionary measures by name, with the exception of children and victims of sexual violence. In cases in which the beneficiaries of these precautionary measures prefer that their complete name not be made public on the Web site, they are required to immediately inform the IACHR in writing.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary