



GTS

Working Group on Security

Declaration

Haiti has been facing for several years a multidimensional and multifaceted security crisis that is now assuming alarming proportions and endangers the foundations of the Republic. Indeed, due to bad governance, the Haitian state can no longer exercise the first of its sovereign functions, which is the protection of the lives and property of its citizens. Over the years, a triangle of corruption, misery, and insecurity has emerged in which a population, left to fend for itself, is imprisoned. The observation is that the state has never been able to implement real public security policies aimed at protecting its nationals against internal and external threats.

Faced with this state of decay of institutions and moral values, citizens must organize themselves to encourage the government to assume its responsibilities in terms of security vis-à-vis society. Citizens' actions remain the main element that should help end this infernal triangle of corruption, misery, and insecurity. Its development involves civic education, the promotion of the culture of peace and solidarity, the values of honesty, and respect for rules and norms. However, the recovery of this situation will also and necessarily require the strengthening of repressive institutions, such as justice and the police, the only ones capable of enforcing and respecting the rules and sanctioning offenders with complete independence.

Given the multidimensional and multifaceted nature of the security issue, the citizen, the primary security beneficiary, must also contribute to its production. In this context, a gathering of citizens of civil society has set up a Working Group on Security (GTS), the aim of which is to propose possible solutions that can help to address, in all its aspects, the problem of insecurity.

This group comprises experts in security, human rights, the private sector, the trade union sector, the religious sector, the academic sector, the diaspora, and grassroots associations of civil society.



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The GTS includes the following personalities who engage in their personal capacity or as spokespersons for institutions :

- Mr. Mario Andrésol, Former Director-General of the PNH
- Dr. Joël Augustin, President United Front of the Haitian Diaspora, As. Prof. Rush University
- Prof. James Boyard, Professor at the State University of Haiti
- M. Ashley Laraque, Former Leopard of F'ADH
- Pasteur Saint-Pierre Destiné, Coordinator of the Crusade of Haitian Organizations against Kidnapping and Gang Violence
- Prof. Matthias Laureus, Writer-Teacher Researcher at UniQ and UEH
- Ms. Louise Carmel Bijoux, Cultural Operator, Engaged Citizen
- Mr. Pierre Espérance, Executive Director of RNDDH
- Ms. Arielle Dominique, Public Engagement Strategist
- Ms. Emmanuela Douyon, Specialist in Public Policy
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- Dr. Prospère Charles, Director of 1804 Institute, Researcher-Professor: Tuskegee University and Quisqueya University
- Dr. Charles Tardieu, Educator-entrepreneur

The GTS is not a political organization and has no political motivation or ambition. Instead, the primary mission of the GTS is to :

« Encourage collaboration between the citizen and the security apparatus of Haiti to resolve the problem of insecurity in the country in the short, medium and long term. »



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Our actions will focus on the following points :

1. Represent, upon request or invitation, civil society in security-related meetings with government officials and international partners.
2. Encourage the PNH to put in place new strategies to neutralize criminal structures and gangs having a tangible and immediate impact on the phenomenon of insecurity.
3. Set up a public security watch system and make recommendations to the civil society, the government, and the PNH.
4. Get local and national authorities to consider the safety of people and property.
5. Conduct a national civic education campaign for behavior change and promote cooperation between the police, citizens, and civil society actors.
6. Propose a strategy of multidimensional actions to fight against insecurity, improve living conditions in so-called lawless areas, and promote the culture of peace and lasting security in Haiti.
7. Conduct an education campaign in the diaspora to better support the actions of the security group at the international level.
8. Coordinate our efforts with those of the organizations of the diaspora to strengthen our capacity to influence the international community's policies in a direction favorable to the improvement of security in Haiti.
9. Develop an argument against arms trafficking in the country and make recommendations to the national authorities and our international partners to stem this deadly scourge.



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By making possible the participation of civil society and the diaspora and their involvement in all matters of national and public security, by encouraging professionalism and a sense of responsibility within the Force Publique, and by promoting the principles of good governance, the GTS intends to collaborate with all actors Haitians to improve the security situation in the country.

Unity is strength. Long live Haiti !!!

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1. Réseau Protestant pour la Défense des Droits Humains (RPDDH)
2. Fédération Protestante d'Haïti (FPH)
3. Réseau National de Défense des Droits Humains (RNDDH)
4. The United Front of the Haitian Diaspora
5. Rassemblement des Individus et des Organisations Actifs pour le Sauvetage National (RAISON)
6. Fédération des Églises pour la Libération d'Haïti (FEELH)
7. 1804 Institute
8. Fondation Vraie Samaritaine (FONDVRAM)
9. Fondation Rédemption d'Haïti
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11. Alliance des Organisations de base du Nord-Ouest (AOBNO)
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14. Fédération Protestante d'Haïti (FPH)
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16. Groupe de Suivi de la Rencontre du 4 Décembre
17. RENAPADD
18. Association des Pasteurs Engagés dans la Communauté Haïtienne
19. Comité de Réflexion pour une Nouvelle Alternative