



### **Group of Rio Declaration of solidarity with Haiti**

The Group of Rio expresses its solidarity with the people and government of Haiti and deeply regrets the catastrophic situation in that sister country, due to the devastating consequences of the strong earthquake that struck the island of Hispaniola (La Española) and the north of the Caribbean Sea, causing severe damage with countless deaths and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

The Rio Group conveys its most sincere condolences to the families of the victims of this natural disaster, to the government and the people of Haiti and to the United Nations, whose civilian and military personnel of MINUSTAH is providing support to that Caribbean country.

The Rio Group joins the call of the international community to contribute to the efforts of search and rescue, as well to provide the emergency assistance that is vital for the population.

Mexico City, January 13, 2010

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