



MURDER OF GAY PEOPLE AND PERSECUTION OF LGBTI ACTIVISTS IN HAITI

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) and its Thematic Coordination on Sexual Diversity, join the more than 42 activists and 19 human rights organizations in Haiti, and warn about the murder of two gay the framework of the mobilization called "No to gay marriage in Haiti", convened by conservative political and religious sectors.

Since last Friday July 19, was unleashed a wave of homophobic violence in Haiti following the march against gay marriage. Activists of sexual diversity rights are threatened directly.

While freedom of expression, assembly and peaceful protest are duties levied without distinction as to race, religion, ideology and language, however, discrimination, homophobia and violence actions are contrary to human rights and the democratic exercise.

In terms of human rights, a majority can not be imposed on a minority to the point of restricting the exercise of their rights and freedoms. The universality and deepening of human rights is urgent in Haiti and this unfortunate incidents only weaken the democratic support, fragmenting the population and exacerbate violence and persecution of citizens.

The Permanent Secretariat of Redlad, platform more than 520 organizations in defense of human rights and full democracy, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- It calls on the Haitian government to provide a thorough investigation of the facts and ensure the rights protected by Article 19 of the Constitution that mentions the Nondiscrimination. RedLad calls that government protect to LGBTI population and activists.



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- Urges Haitian citizenship to foster the bonds of unity, brotherhood and substantial advancement of human rights without discrimination, rights that are established in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the OAS Convention on the elimination of all forms discrimination.
- Express its solidarity with the activists for sexual diversity in Haiti and calls to civil society organizations on the continent to express concern about the unfortunate events and its the consequences in the advancement of the protection of human rights of Haitian citizens.

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