



## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: REPATRIATION OF HAITIAN DESCENDANTS AND VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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The Permanent Secretariat of Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD) alerts on repatriation and deportation from the Dominican Republic more than 464 people of Haitian descent, including nearly 135 are children.

The expulsions have begun amid a delicate moment in which, last September, a subject on which the REDLAD denounced, the Constitutional Court (TC) of Dominican Republic ordered by a final and obligatory judgment, to try to "foreign" to all persons born in the country since 1929 sons and daughters of illegal immigrant parents, especially Haitians. The Court, having greater range than the Supreme Court said that all Haitian migrants who entered the country in 1929 to work in the cane fields , who were also subjected to inhumane conditions, were "in transit" so its can not be described as Dominicans.

The immigration law of 2004 and the Constitution enacted in 2010 , determined that Haitians temporary migrant workers should be considered " foreigners in transit " so that their children can not aspire to Dominican nationality .

In this regard, the Permanent Secretariat of REDLAD, a platform of over 520 organizations, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):



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- Urges the Dominican and Haitian governments to discuss extensively on the subject and generate agreements to restore human rights of repatriated and discriminated populations.
- Urges the Dominican government to end discriminatory , xenophobic and anti- human rights only exacerbate violence and hatred against people of Haitian origin.
- Calls upon the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ( IACHR) to generate a special investigation into what happened and provide relevant recommendations and measures .
- Calls the democratic governments of the world, demonstrate against the actions outlined, clear violations of international human rights treaties and regional and global conventions for the elimination of racism, xenophobia and related forms of discrimination.

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