

Resolution Against the U.S./U.N. Occupation of Haiti Submitted to the National Antiwar Conference Held at La Roche College in Pittsburgh on July 10-12, 2009

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Whereas, Haiti -- the first Black republic, has been subjected to foreign occupations throughout its history, beginning with an almost continuous U.S. occupation since July 29, 1915; and

Whereas, the U.S. promoted two coup d'etats against the legitimately elected president of Haiti, Jean Bertrand Aristide, first on September 30, 1991, and then on February 29, 2004; and

Whereas, the two coups were carried out to promote the interests of the U.S. multinational corporations and the entrenched oligarchy, to ensure the repayment of the foreign debt contracted under the Duvaliers, and to maintain the sweatshop conditions enabling the super-exploitation of the Haitian people; and

Whereas, since the 2004 overthrow of Aristide, Haiti has been occupied by a so-called United Nations "peacemaking" force - the MINUSTAH - which is nothing but an occupation force against the interests and sovereignty of the Haitian people; and

Whereas, the MINUSTAH troops have shot and killed Haitian workers and activists struggling for a return to democracy and for an end to the slave-like conditions imposed by the transnational corporations; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Antiwar Assembly in Pittsburgh calls for the immediate withdrawal of the 12,000 UN occupation troops from Haiti and the return of democracy, beginning with the return of all exiled political leaders, particularly Jean Bertrand Aristide; and

Therefore be it further resolved that the National Antiwar Assembly in Pittsburgh calls for the immediate and total cancellation of Haiti's foreign debt so that the \$1 million paid each week in debt repayment to foreign banks can be redirected to rebuild a devastated country; and

Therefore be it finally resolved, that the National Antiwar Assembly in Pittsburgh calls for redirecting the \$584 million destined annually by the UN to the MINUSTAH occupation troops toward a national reconstructure plan to build roads, hospitals, schools, and infrastructure – so that Haiti can rebuild, free from all foreign occupation.