

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 23, 2007

His Excellency José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General  
Organization of American States  
General Secretariat Building (GSB)  
1889 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Secretary-General Insulza:

We write to request that you use the full resources of your office to facilitate and promote the implementation of the Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act that was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in December of last year. The HOPE law provides certain Haitian textiles with duty free status when entering the United States.

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Chronic unemployment and underemployment in the formal sector are prevalent in Haiti. However, this is most especially true in the areas of Port-au-Prince that abut the industrial park where these factories are located. If these companies were to become operational once more, they would bring thousands of desperately-needed jobs back to this impoverished area and to Haiti overall.

Following the objectives of the OAS Trade Section, to foster trade opportunities, competitiveness and economic integration with the goal of economic growth, we feel that the weight of your office during this process could play a catalytic role in the effort to stabilize and promote Haiti's long term economic development.

We would appreciate you informing us of what actions the OAS is undertaking or planning to undertake to assist in the promotion and implementation of HOPE. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



CHARLES B. RANGEL  
Member of Congress  
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means

Sincerely,



KENDRICK B. MEEK  
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Paul Wolfowitz, President  
The World Bank  
1818 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20433 USA

Dear Ambassador Wolfowitz:

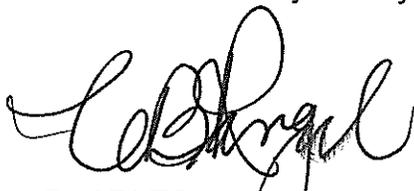
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It is our understanding that the industry would greatly benefit from your assistance in three key areas: debt restructuring, access to affordable lines of credit, and a loan guarantee program to support commercial lending. We feel that now is the opportune moment for the World Bank to play a catalytic role in the effort to stabilize and promote Haiti's long term economic development.

We would appreciate you informing us of what actions the World Bank is undertaking or planning to conduct to assist in the promotion and implementation of HOPE. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



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The Honorable Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary  
United States Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Paulson:

In your capacity on the Board of Governors at the Inter-American Development Bank, we write to request that you use the full resources of your office to facilitate and promote the implementation of the Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act that was passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President in December of last year. The HOPE law provides certain Haitian textiles with duty free status when entering the United States.

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We would appreciate you informing us of what actions the IDB is undertaking or planning to conduct to assist in the promotion and implementation of HOPE. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Hector E. Morales, Jr., Executive Director  
Office of the United States  
Inter-American Development Bank  
1300 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20577

Dear Mr. Morales:

We write to request that you use the full resources of your office to facilitate and promote the implementation of the Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act that was passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President in December of last year. The HOPE law provides certain Haitian textiles with duty free status when entering the United States.

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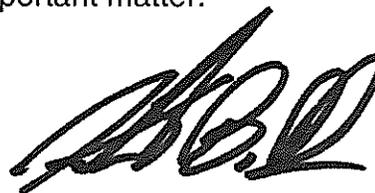
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We would appreciate you informing us of what actions the IDB is undertaking or planning to conduct to assist in the promotion and implementation of HOPE. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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Robert Mosbacher, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer  
Overseas Private Investment Corporation  
1100 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20527

Dear Mr. Mosbacher:

We write to request that you use the full resources of your office to facilitate and promote the implementation of the Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act that was passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President in December of last year. The HOPE law provides certain Haitian textiles with duty free status when entering the United States.

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It is our understanding that the industry would greatly benefit from your assistance in three key areas: debt restructuring, access to affordable lines of credit, and a loan guarantee program to support commercial lending. We feel that now is the opportune moment for OPIC to play a catalytic role in the effort to stabilize and promote Haiti's long term economic development, thereby ameliorating our business opportunities and interests in Haiti.

We would appreciate you informing us of what actions OPIC is undertaking or planning to conduct to assist in the promotion and implementation of HOPE. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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