

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Deployment of United States Armed Forces Personnel to Haiti

March 14, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Madam President:)

While some positive efforts have been made to resolve the instability in Haiti, there remain heightened security concerns for the United States Embassy and its supporting facilities in Port-au-Prince. To protect United States diplomatic personnel and diplomatic facilities, on March 12, 2024, at my direction, a security force of military personnel deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to strengthen United States Embassy security. Although this military security force is equipped for combat, its movement was undertaken as a precautionary measure solely for the purpose of protecting United States diplomatic facilities and diplomatic personnel. The United States Armed Forces personnel are anticipated to remain in Haiti for as long as the security environment requires.

I directed this action consistent with my responsibility to protect United States diplomatic missions abroad and in furtherance of United States national security and foreign policy interests, pursuant to my constitutional authority as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive and to conduct United States foreign relations.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93–148). I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Michael Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Patricia L. Murray, President pro tempore of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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