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Re: Help to Haiti Sport

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The president of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization (CACSO), Héctor Cardona, its Executive Committee and the member countries join in the pain and suffering being felt by the Haitian people as a result of the terrible earthquake that has hit the country severely, in particular its capital Port-au-Prince.

Given the grave situation through which the country is going through and the information that we have been receiving regarding the demise of thousands of people and the complete destruction of its infrastructure, CACSO is prepared to support the participation of Haiti's delegation in the XXI Games to be held from July 17 of this year in the City of Mayagüez.

To that end, CACSO shall appoint a special committee to take care of said matter and facilitate the technical preparation of said delegation and the travel of its athletes to the Games. Haiti had projected having a delegation made up of 58 people: 15 women athletes, 35 men, and eight officials, in nearly 10 sports.

The first communications with our brother country have revealed that the president of Haiti's Olympic Committee and vice president of CACSO, Mr. Jean Edouard Baker, is not among the victims, and we pray that the athletes who had been preparing themselves to compete in the Mayagüez 2010 Games are not among the thousands dead.

The special committee that shall be appointed by CACSO in the following days will coordinate with Mr. Baker all kinds of help in order to facilitate Haiti's presence on Puerto Rican soil.

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