

To The Haitian Authorities Regarding Natacha Jean Jacques and the Violation of her Human Rights.

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Subject: Natacha Jean –Jacques and the Violation of her Human Rights.

Dear Sir/ Madame,

We have been informed of the serious violations against Natacha Jean Jacques through the plea document published by Enfofanm and Kay Fanm on 5 February 2003.

We have decided to join other women's organizations and activists the world over to ensure such violations against women in the penal system come to a stop. As for the case of Natacha, we request:

- Justice be equitably rendered to Natacha Jean Jacques;
- Compensation be granted to Natacha for all the damages she endured;
- The rapist, as a government employee working in the prison of Fort National, be arraigned and indicted for raping Natacha;
- Specific care (medical and psychological follow up) be given to Natacha and her baby; and
- Responsibilities of the penitentiary's officials in charge of the minor's security, be duly established for necessary action.

We share in the concern expressed by the women's organizations regarding the fate of inmates in Haiti prisons, especially the fate of girls and women subject to sexual harassment, abuse and rape.

We equally support the steps taken by women's organizations to form an independent commission for the purpose of investigating and assessing women's conditions in the

penitentiaries. We demand that all obstacles be eliminated, so that this commission may freely implement this essential work and present it for national and international public opinion.

Best regards.