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Honduras:

Stop Repression, Restore Constitutional Order

In view of the return of democratically-elected Honduran president Manuel Zelaya to his country, we at Jubilee South wish to express once again our emphatic support for the re-establishment of constitutional order for our brothers and sisters in that country.

We condemn the repressive response of the pro-coup regime to the massive popular demonstrations that are going on in the country. We cannot, nor should not, try to impede the right of thousands of Hondurans to continue demonstrating for the restoration of democratic order through police patrols and establishing curfews.

We demand total respect for constitutional guarantees and for the physical integrity of each one of the demonstrators, as well as for the lives of President Zelaya and his family, and for the territorial sovereignty of the Brazilian embassy where they have taken refuge.

At the same time we denounce the many forms of persecution that various social leaders have suffered, such as the actions that the regime has taken to interfere in the media and generate confusing information, by interrupting television and radio programs, and by cutting off telephone and electricity services in the area where the Brazilian embassy is located.

Throughout these last weeks, the union of the popular forces resistance forces, with the support of movements and organizations throughout the continent and the position of some governments, has made it possible to delay the consolidation and recognition of the coup's regime thus far. We wish to express once again our commitment to the cause and we call all political movements and governments of Latin America to step up their efforts in solidarity with the Honduran people in light of the difficult times they now face. The future of all Latin American and Caribbean people is at stake in Honduras today.

Today we are all Honduras!

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