

## Public Information and Protestation Notice

I, the undersigned, Frantz Carl Braun, a Haitian national, have learned, with stupefaction and indignation, through a press release dated September 21, 2023, issued by Global Affairs Canada, that my name appears on a list of sanctions taken by Canada. Not having received, to this date, any communication from the Canadian authorities on the facts and concrete acts of which I am accused, I can, for now, only take note of this press release.

For the sake of truth and for my honor, I would like to publicly state the following, in response to Canada's press release :

- 1) Throughout my 69 years of existence, 47 of which dedicated to my professional career, I have never participated, either as a corruptor, and much less as a corrupted party, in any business, transaction, or contract with the Haitian State, or with any persons or private companies, national or international, for which I would have given or received any payment, commission, or kickback or otherwise, contrary to the law and to ethics. I have never held a political or ministerial position, nor have I ever managed or been responsible for public funds. I have never bribed a public official or political person, nor have I ever conspired to obtain undue advantage.

In my private and my professional life, I have always behaved with honesty and integrity, acting, in all circumstances, with the highest ethics, fulfilling my tax obligations and likewise those of my enterprises, ensuring that the rules of good governance are established and abided by, and, finally, by advocating for transparency and full compliance with laws and regulations.

The business success of UNIBANK, an audited and regulated banking institution, and likewise that of its affiliated companies and investments, is the main source of my personal assets, which are the fruit of decades of hard and earnest work, and were earned by the sweat of my brow.

In short, I have never participated and do not participate in the corruption which plagues our country.

- 2) Furthermore, I have never committed any criminal act, and have no relation, direct or indirect, financial, political, or otherwise, with the bandits and the armed gangs that are terrorizing the Haitian population. To the contrary, my family, my friends, my employees, my clients, and my companies have suffered, and continue to suffer, from the widespread insecurity that is severely affecting Haiti.

- 3) Moreover, I have never incited or fueled violence, or participated, directly or indirectly, financially, or politically, in establishing or maintaining any instability whatsoever in Haïti. To the contrary, I have always positioned myself, both privately and publicly, in support of Democracy, of the Rule of Law, of the triumph of Justice, and likewise of the advent of a modern and inclusive society that attracts national and foreign investment, creates jobs, fosters social mobility, and tackles the poverty that afflicts our country.

Firmly convinced that a grave error was made as far as I am concerned, I therefore wish to receive from the Canadian authorities the file containing the concrete and verifiable acts and facts of which I am accused, and which have resulted in this unilateral decision, so that I can defend myself. I am, of course, deeply indignant at this grave injustice done to me. I intend to do everything in my power to defend my dignity. I do not underestimate how long this will take, and likewise the personal, family, and financial costs associated therewith, but I will not let my reputation as a man of honesty and integrity be sullied without defending myself. My honor demands it.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the business leaders, heads of institutions, and the numerous individuals who have shown me their solidarity and their support, and who have also conveyed to me their feelings of outrage and indignation.

Port-au-Prince, September 23, 2023.



Frantz Carl Braun