

## 13<sup>th</sup> CRO Summit

Hanley's Road, Gingerland, Nevis  
20-25 August 2009

### **Resolution on CRO Initiative on Culture Based Enterprise**

We the members and affiliates of the Caribbean Rastafari Organisation (CRO) meeting in Nevis on the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit of the CRO, resolve (i) to prioritize the financing of the organization to the benefit of its members in the year 2009-2010 and (ii) to identify one culturally based product that can be developed and readied for marketing and distribution in 2010.

It is further resolved that the CRO programme His Majesty's Service, be offered to the island of Nevis and its sister island St. Kitts, in response to the appeal for the CRO to work in partnership with the Nevis Island Administration to promote and engage in culturally biased approaches to social and economic development.

It is yet further resolved that, in collaboration with the One Love Rastafari Movement, the island of Nevis will in 2010 benefit from one major workshop on culture based enterprise with a focus on the use of locally grown, organic agricultural produce and the valuing of nation languages.

The workshop will be financed by the Nevis Island Administration with facilitation provided by the CRO.

A Concept Note will be developed by the CRO in collaboration with the One Love Rastafari Movement for submission to the Nevis Island Administration by December 2009.

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### **Resolution on Repatriation and Reparations**

We the members and affiliates of the Caribbean Rastafari Organisation (CRO) meeting in Nevis on the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit of the CRO, resolve to pursue, through the Caribbean Pan-African Network (CPAN), greater involvement in the process of engagement with the African Union.

Be it also resolved that the CRO will work jointly with other organizations to encourage active and strategic approaches to the African Union on the matter of formalizing and finalizing arrangements for the African Diaspora to become the 6<sup>th</sup> Region of the African Union.

Be it further resolved that having endorsed the Rastafari Fact Finding Mission to Ethiopia in October-November 2009, the CRO supports the proposed meeting between the Rastafari representative of the CPAN and the Director and Diaspora Officer of the Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa.

The CRO further resolves to review the projects in Ethiopia, identified by the Fact Finding Mission for support from the Diaspora with a view to making a meaningful contribution to same.

Further, the CRO will explore, with the Rastafari communities in South Africa, current land acquisition initiatives to accommodate the welcome return and resettlement of Rastafari sons and daughters to the African Motherland and to facilitate their participation in community and national development.

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### STATEMENT ON RASTAFARI PROFILING

To the Governments and Administering Powers  
of the Countries and Territories in the Caribbean Region

Subsequent to the Statement from the 12<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Caribbean Rastafari Organisation (CRO), in support of the call for an independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of I'Akobi Tacuma Maloney in Barbados, the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit of the CRO convened in Nevis from August 20-25, 2009, by this Statement, calls attention to the issue of Rastafari profiling.

On June 17, 2008 I'Akobi Maloney, a bright and promising young Rastafarian, lost his life as a result of an unfortunate incident involving the Royal Barbados Police Force. The coroner's verdict of death by misadventure is unacceptable to the members and affiliates of the CRO and we join the justice-loving people of Barbados and the marginalized people of the region in solidarity and with resolve to end the practice of Rastafari profiling.

In the quest for justice, we also continue to recommend the establishment of alternative mechanisms to ensure that there is no possibility for corruption as can be the case when, in such tragic circumstances, the police are permitted to investigate themselves.

The Caribbean Rastafari Organisation is in the process of compiling case studies from the various countries and territories comprising the Caribbean Region in preparation for engagement at the highest levels to present these in substantiation of our claim regarding Rastafari profiling and related violence.

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