Formal sitting - Haiti: - extracts from the address by Mr Michel MARTELLY, President of Haiti

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The President of the Republic of Haïti, Michel Joseph Martelly addressed today the European Parliament at a formal sitting in Strasbourg plenary session. Michel Joseph Martelly won the Haitian general election, 2010–2011 for his party Repons Peyizan (Farmers' Response Party), after a run-off against candidate Mirlande Manigat. Martelly had come third in the first round of the election, until the Organization of American States forced Jude Célestin to withdraw due to alleged fraud. Martelly assumed his position of the President of Haiti on May 14, 2011. His election campaign included a promise to reinstate the nation's military, which had been abolished in the 1990s by Aristide.

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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the EP, Strasbourg	00:00:05
00:00:10	Arrival at the hemicycle and applause (4 shots)	00:00:25
00:00:35	SOUNDBITE (German) Martin SCHULZ, EP President: "This house has always campaigned for a strong EU engagement in Haiti and close cooperation with the Haitian authorities. We want to help Haiti become an economically and politically stable, a self-sufficient country that can reduce poverty. In your presidency, we combine the hope of establishing a permanently well grounded democracy and to give stability to Haiti."	00:00:48
00:01:23	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "I come here to tell you that despite all catastrophes Haiti is not giving up. Slowly but surely, Haiti is standing up again, and this is the good news I want to bring to this House. This change of tack is owed to the courage of our population and to the determination of our administration, but we also owe a great deal on this recovery to the active cooperation of Europe, the biggest of all cooperation."	00:00:45
00:02:08	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "My presence here today is an opportunity to thank you for your generosity and for your solidarity and to recall that no country can find its out of poverty simply by asking for charity".	00:00:15

00:02:23	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "I am here today to introduce, and to invite you to be part in our recovery by being involved in the extraordinary potential of our investments. I invite you to work with us to regain our financial sovereignty and enable us to get back to the international financial markets. I am here, together with you, to envision new free-trade agreements and I to work together with us to design and to draw intelligent and lucrative projects. I ask to cooperate with us to find the best means to finance them."	00:00:53
00:03:16	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "Young people in Europe must know that the countries of the South are counting on them, that they cannot turn their backs to solidarity. Because from their generosity and intelligent choices are depending a more fraternal world, a world which is economically more moral and safer in environmental terms, and surely more democratic and more tolerant".	00:00:24
00:03:40	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "Haiti will stand again, because we have understood that the vulnerability of our territory, which is considerable, is not going to get any better in the years ahead if the announced climate change for the Caribbean islands will continue to damage our country. We will get back on our feet because, in a stubborn way, we are working on prevention measures. And prevention means improving our territorial planning".	00:00:36
00:04:16	SOUNDBITE (French) Michel Joseph MARTELLY, President of the Republic of Haiti: "My term of office will be dedicated among other things to getting our population into school, to fight against corruption, to the establishment of the rule of law. My hope and trust is that the results will come".	00:00:16
00:04:32	Applause at the end of the speech and cutaways (4 shots).	00:00:19
00:04:51	END	00:00:00

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