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I began accompanying people to 1010 Saint-Antoine Street West [*Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada - Quebec Office - note from Chantier politique*] in June, only to find that the way in which people are being received, in such an extremely disgraceful, disrespectful and aggressive manner to determine whether or not the person may resist, and if they should be immediately detained. They are then sent to the Laval Detention Centre. There are about 150 people there. And now they have decided to build another detention centre right beside the present one, because that one is supposedly obsolete. However, I think that it's to increase detention capacity, because the Canadian government has announced that between now and March 2019, it will increase the number of deportations to

10,000. During a pre-election year, it must appear to be in control. Therefore it is using a particularly precarious community, Haitians, and deporting them. We are invoking this situation of civil war to demand a moratorium. They are also being deported at the taxpayer's expense. If people have no money to buy their ticket, the government supplies it but then people are told that if they come back, they must reimburse the ticket. I found tickets last week for \$280. The government is asking \$1,500. Besides this they must pay over \$550 in application fees to come back. So it costs \$2,050 for the right to return, on top of other fees.

**CP:** What would you like to say to conclude?

**FA:** I invite people to come out and demonstrate this Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 p.m., outside the riding office of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, at 1100 Cremazie Boulevard East to demand an immediate moratorium on deportations.

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