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The World Organization for Preschool Education (OMEP), an association established in Haiti since 1967, stands in solidarity with APEP, (*Association Professionnelle d'Écoles Privées*), and COSPE, (*Consortium des Organisations du Secteur Privé de l'Éducation*), who are asking for an agreement between the antagonists for an immediate and peaceful end to this crisis which seems to be giving the deathblow to the nation and all its children.

This appalling cycle must be stopped!

OMEP demands the free movement of all and the opening of schools, particularly preschools, which are so important for the well-being of Haitian children.

Indeed, **everything is at stake before the age of six!** What our children are going through now will affect our society in the short term if nothing is done to stop and reverse the current situation. If we continue to deny them the right to education, the only lesson they will learn is the use of violence to resolve conflicts. The young child needs to develop emotionally and socially as well as physically and intellectually. Their physical and mental health is at risk and may be permanently and irreversibly affected by this terror.

The declaration of the OMEP World Assembly in Athens in July 2022 is an urgent call for peace and disarmament to stop the violence and call for dialogue: "If we want to build true peace in our world, we must protect and support young children and work together for the protection of human rights, equity and social justice for them and among them."

<https://omepworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Declaration-2022-ENG-final.docx.pdf>

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