The meeting came amid efforts by Malawi and others to ratify international agreements with the signing military junta that might lead to a resolution of Haiti’s political deadlock.

For his part, Aristide repeatedly that he would step down as prime minister on Dec. 15, announced he would remain in Haiti as acting prime minister beyond the deadline.

“Pending the constitution of an impaso — and we must find a way out,” Malawi said in an afternoon press conference.

Malawi said he would welcome all Haitian parties including the military to a new round of negotiations but insisted that “in no way will the elections be a condition for the withdrawal of our forces.”

The agreement, signed by both parties in the Haitian dispute, committed the military junta that overthrew Aristide in a 1999 coup to allow him to return to his post. In exchange, Aristide — Haiti’s first democratically elected president — agreed to grant amnesty to the military leaders who carried out the coup.

The junta, led by Gen. Raoul Cédras, has removed the deal which would have returned Aristide to power by the end of October. They contend Aristide has not taken all the necessary steps to assure their protection from prosecution.

Former Priest Porter
Sentenced for Sexual Abuse

Porter pleaded guilty on Oct. 4 to 41 counts of sexual abuse between 1961 and 1967 at five parishes in southeastern Massachusetts.

More than 100 victims of the former priest reached a civil agreement with the local archdiocese in 1992. Porter’s case offers the largest example of clerical sexual abuse — or abuse by individual — in American judicial history.

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