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Position of the Coalition on the Establishment by the CEP of an Internal Committee to Deal with Accusations of Fraud

The Election Observation Coalition consisting of the organizations SOFA, CNO, CONHANE and RNDDH was informed by the press of the establishment of an internal committee within the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) to receive, within *forty-eight* (48) hours, denunciations and evidence of cases of fraud which occurred during October 25th elections before the publication of preliminary results and the litigation stage.

The Coalition reminds the CEP that it is their full responsibility to point out, on the basis of all data and documents, which they have in their possession, cases of fraud and irregularities that marred the elections.

Regarding this, the Coalition reiterates its recommendations to the CEP to conduct a thorough verification of the data and documents mentioned above, in order to inform the Nation about:

1. The quantity and legality of the number of votes cast by voters whose names were not listed at the polling station where they voted.
2. The degree and extent of the involvement of people who used political party representative or observer cards to vote, given the large number of accreditation cards given by the CEP, which was equivalent to more than half of voters on October 25th, 2015.

In addition, the Coalition urges once again that the CEP make public and accessible to observers, political parties and candidates concerned:

- a. The list of records quarantined.
- b. The recruitment criteria and the names of lawyers and other members of the Tabulation Center staff responsible for either processing or quarantining or not the ballots.
- c. The full protocol of the functioning of the Tabulation Center.

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