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During these last days, the election monitoring Coalition, composed of the National Election Observation Council (CNO), the Haitian Council of Non State Actors (COHNANE), Solidarity of Haitian Women (SOFA) and the National Defense Network of Human Rights (RNDDH), notes with dismay the recent developments that further aggravate the evolution of the electoral process :

- 1- The establishment of the report of the said Independent Electoral Commission, its assessment submitted to the President of the Republic and the sidenlining of its recommendations by the concerned :
- 2- The publication in the official newspaper "Le Moniteur" of the controversial list of Deputies and Senators newly "elected" to take oath on January 11th, despite the recommendation by the CEEI to reevaluate and scrutinize the complaints filed by candidates during the last elections citing being victims of injustice by members of the BCEN and BCED.

- 3- The publication of a Presidential decree, not taking into consideration the Commission's recommendation for a dialogue, summoning the people's elections for a second round of presidential and parliamentary elections on January 24, despite the lack of credibility of the electoral institution and the total loss of confidence.

These measures and the possible outcome scheduled for January 24 risks tipping the country into a deepening political crisis, permanently challenging the legitimacy of the 'newly elected' and an exacerbation of the economic and social crisis.

Challenged by these new developments, the Coalition of organizations including SOFA, the CNO, RNDDH, and CONHANE, having observed the electoral process, appeals to the sense of responsibility of the holders of the executive and members of the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) in order to stop these abuses that threaten their constitutional mission.

The coalition urges governments and political actors to measure the extent of the crisis in which the country is sinking and its consequences on the lives of the Haitian people.

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