

Press Conference Regarding the Current Electoral Conjuncture

We represent the organizations of COHANE, CE-JILAP, POHDH, and RNDDH, who are still true to our mission of observing the entire electoral process, in a way which can contribute to the credibilization of the elections and the legitimacy of the elected. For them to be able to address the fundamental problem of the Haitian people, we encourage the political authorities, legislative branch, judicial authorities, and members of the CEP, and political parties to work without pressure to return the country to democratic and constitutional order and stability.

We, the above listed organization, are preoccupied with the political, electoral, economic and social crisis that the country is living today. It is clear for all of the country's people, that this crisis can not be resolved without the installation of an independent verification and evaluation commission, and that it should do the work without bias, with transparency, to determine exactly what happened in the elections of 2015. We the aforementioned organizations are giving our full support in order to implement the verification and evaluation commission.

We are disappointed that there are a few political parties who decided to not be a part of the dialog in forming the commission. We believe that it is not too late for them to change their position, and be a part of coordinating the commission for it to do the technical work in order to put country in a place where it can progress,

The Elections in Haiti are the Affairs of the Haitian people

No Haitian should accept the meddling of foreigners trying to dictate what we do in our election. Other countries are not entitled to meddle in Haitian affairs because they provide funds for the organization of elections. We are reminding them, the organization of the elections is too sensitive for them to be giving their opinions to the press or to go to the parliament to say what they think should be done. Those at the head of the State, in the Parliament, in the Executive power should take a lot of precautions before accepting this type of intervention. It is for them to suspend bypassing universal democratic principles and it is this manner that they can stop the suffering of the country and its people.

The attitude of the Core Group in this country's electoral and political crisis have taught us that international actors are afraid to lose control of the process. Many in

these foreign powers will soon be organizing elections in their countries. They would like to cover up these fears around the crisis in Haiti, so people do not see the implications which could create a backlash in their own elections.

We understand the ways in which powerful foreigners are giving their opinions about electoral affairs, how they are looking to orient those responsible in the State to drop the idea of verification and evaluation. Without the verification and evaluation process, this could create a situation which could lead to the full cancellation of the elections.

These powerful foreigners who are against the verification and evaluation commission and want proceed to the second round without verification, would like to see the country fall into general chaos, they want to send us into contested elections, that will put us into a more severe crisis. This route « from countries that say they are friends of Haiti » is one we cannot take, and will not resolve the crisis. They must recognize this and it is not for use whatever reason for them to come and occupy the country again.

The international community does not need to be using immoral methods to put the country into a guardianship, they can use military force that they have today to come with their national accomplices to force the country into an occupation again.

CONHANE, CE-JILAP, POHDH, and RNDDH, believes that today every sector needs to take responsibility, be engaged, for them to repatriate the electoral process. All actors need to play their role for us to end this political crisis that has already lasted too long.

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