

#1: WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ABOUT HIM, BUT ABOUT HAITI'S DEMOCRACY

- Haiti experienced a political mob try to assassinate its democratically elected President, this was an insurrection against Haitian democracy.
- The Haitian government will not be threatened into derailing our democratic process to placate one political group. This is not fair to the people who voted Moise into office in 2017, and it is not fair to the voters who want to participate in the next elections, either.
- The Haitian government has encouraged peaceful protests and expression. However, we cannot let guns and mobs determine Haiti's political leadership – the voters alone have that right.
- The politicians who introduced and encouraged the false theories around removing the President from office need to think about their greater responsibility. Their words and actions have now led to an assassination attempt against the democratically elected President of our country.
- We want the entire international community to focus on what is happening in Haiti.

#2: THE TIMELINE OF PRESIDENT'S TERM IS NOT IN QUESTION

- There is no credible question about term timelines.
- Presidents in Haiti serve 5-year terms. President Moise was inaugurated in February 2017, which means his term ends in February 2022.
- The dates cannot be modified retroactively, and violent insurrection cannot be a substitute for elections – this is not how democracy works.
- No objective observer believes that the timeline should be moved from February 2022 – the UN, OAS, and U.S. State Department have all reaffirmed that the President's term is clear and not subject to retroactive reinterpretation.
- It is time for cooler heads to prevail. Politicians need to stop providing false theories to their supporters that undermines the democratic process and compels them to violence. There is no credible dispute to the President's term – this is a claim that emerged very recently and is dismissed not only by our government but by partners including the UN, OAS, and U.S. State Department.

#3: THE FACTS ABOUT "RULING BY DECREE" & ELECTIONS

- Under the 1987 constitution, Haiti's branches of power are woefully imbalanced, and without balance you don't have checks either.
- Almost every election has been contested, governments fail to deliver for the people, and five Presidents have governed without Parliamentary oversight, as we have now, because legislative

elections did not take place due to a decision-making process that enables even the smallest minority of legislators to block essential proceedings.

-These problems are why President Moise moved to reform the Constitution, an effort supported by nearly 90% of Haitians alongside the UN, OAS and other international partners.

-The new constitution was drafted by an independent commission with wide-ranging consultation, and will be put to a national referendum for the voters' approval.

-The new constitution strengthens our weak, unstable democratic structure and creates considerably more accountability – laying the groundwork for Haiti to have a functioning representative democracy.

-The government is planning the referendum for April, followed by local, state and national elections in which President Moise will not be a candidate – for each of these the government has actively sought and recruited international support and on-ground observation to help ensure transparency, security and credibility of results.

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