

## Statement from the Embassy of Haiti in the United States

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At the February 12th State Department Press Briefing, Spokesperson Ned Price noted “the remarkable lack of popular response to calls for mass protest in recent weeks” in Haiti and rejected, again, recent claims that the President’s term ends this year, saying that President Moïse “was sworn into office on February 7th of 2017 for a five-year term, which is therefore scheduled to end on February 7th, 2022, next year.” All objective observers, including the United States, United Nations, and Organization of American States, agree it’s indisputable: President Moïse’s term ends February 2022.

The Government of Haiti agrees with the State Department’s assessment that the Haitian people are tired of endless “squabbling over power”. The path forward is the ballot box. We are focused on holding election and urge all politicians to refocus their efforts toward the democratic process.

The Government of Haiti has been working closely with the United Nations, Organization of American States and other international partners to recruit all possible on-ground support in the form of planning, poll and count monitoring, and safety to ensure free, fair, and credible elections.

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