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**Former chief of staff to the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and expert on Haiti statement on Haiti President Jovenel Moise assassination and United States' role in restoring peace and security to Haiti**

**Washington, D.C. (July 7, 2021)** – Art Estopinan, former chief of staff to the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and expert on Haiti, offered a statement on the assassination of Haiti President Jovenel Moise and the role the United States can play in restoring peace and security to Haiti.

“The political situation in Haiti has deteriorated rapidly over the past six months and we are all saddened and shocked by President Moise’s assassination. It’s conceivable that his assassination was related to Haiti’s increasing violence around the drug trade, but we are hearing it was a highly-sophisticated operation.

“The situation in Haiti is incredibly unstable due as Prime Minister Claude Joseph was scheduled to step down as interim prime minister with the appointment of Ariel Henry, a neurosurgeon, as new prime minister this week. In addition, Haiti’s Supreme Court Judge René Sylvestre died of COVID last month. It will be critical to stabilize the government and the United States can play a role.

“The U.S. government should send quick assistance to alleviate the misery and hunger the Haiti people are experiencing as well as advisors to help rebuild the Haitian government. In addition, the United Nations could send a peacekeeping mission that is very limited in mandate, quantity and time, perhaps even as short as six months, to support the police as they work to maintain peace in Haiti and investigate and pursue President Moise’s killers.

“The increasing COVID cases and deaths also are a destabilizing factor in Haiti, and it would be helpful for the U.S. government to accelerate the donation of COVID vaccines to Haiti.”



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Estopinan is available for media interviews about this evolving situation, and is a representative of Dr. Pierre Reginald Boulos, president of the MTVAyiti political party in Haiti.

## **About Art Estopinan**

Art Estopinan is a senior level international and public affairs chief for Chairman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (chairman emeritus for the House Foreign Affairs Committee) with 27 years of experience in the U.S. Congress and former chief of staff and official spokesperson for the chairman emeritus of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He has served as a senior advisor on legislation dealing with governmental and foreign affairs and has an in-depth understanding of the intangible qualities in economic and political infrastructures, combined with first-hand government experience at the highest levels around the world.

## **FARA Disclosures**

Art Estopinan is a registered agent under FARA. Dr. Reginald Boulos is considering running for the Presidency in the country of Haiti. Dr. Reginald is a respected medical doctor, business person, and creator of the MTV Ayiti political party. The four pillars of the MTV Ayiti political party include empowering women, farmers, youth, and the diaspora community. Dr. Boulos is interested in building constructive partnerships with leaders in the United States government and the Haitian American diaspora community.

Michelle Lyng, CEO of Novitas Communication Inc., and Novitas Communication Inc. are registered agents under FARA. Dr. Reginald Boulos is considering running for the Presidency in the country of Haiti. Dr. Reginald is a respected medical doctor, business person, and creator of the MTV Ayiti political party. The four pillars of the MTV Ayiti political party include empowering women, farmers, youth, and the diaspora community. Dr. Boulos is interested in building constructive partnerships with leaders in the United States government and the Haitian American diaspora community.

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