



**THE MONITORING OFFICE OF THE AUGUST 30TH, 2021 AGREEMENT (BSA)/ MONTANA AGREEMENT'S
CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE "TRANSITIONAL FRAMEWORK PROJECT FOR HAITI" BY THE EPG**

1. The "Transitional Framework Project for Haiti" document confirms that the Eminent Personalities Group is deviating from its mission as a facilitator of negotiations between Haitian stakeholders. Indeed, the EPG presents a closed proposal that exclusively reflects the position of one actor for whom it advocates, completely ignoring the positions expressed by other stakeholders.
2. On October 6, 2023, the GPE submitted a "Revised Project of the Protocol for Discussions and Negotiations," formally incorporating the de facto Prime Minister's resignation under point 1-ii) unilaterally, without prior discussion. In contradiction to its own agenda, the GPE has chosen to extend the incumbent Prime Minister's mandate for 18 months, imposing this decision without presenting alternative options. This action further exacerbates the deadlock created by the continued presence of the de facto Prime Minister. By depriving Haitian stakeholders of their right to engage in a debate on resolving the crisis - and in the de facto Prime Minister's role in that crisis - the GPE not only robs the Haitian people of their legal entitlements, but also raises doubts about its sincerity in facilitating a resolution to the Haitian crisis.
3. The EPG's document disregards the suffering inflicted on the Haitian population, overlooks the trauma experienced by families, particularly women and young girls who have been victims of violence, disregards the plight of out-of-school children, displaced persons, accelerated impoverishment, and mass exodus. The document remains completely silent on the distress of the population.
4. The EPG proposes a Transition Council, to which it merely appends the presidential qualifier, defining the council's attributions on its own. In doing so, it circumvents what should guide this transition—namely, the Haitian Constitution. The essential conditions for conducting uncontested elections are establishing a transitional institutional order, restoring the Republic's institutions, and ending the chaos within the State apparatus. Therefore, aligning with the Haitian Constitution is crucial.
5. By stripping the Transition Council of its genuine presidential attributions and reducing the transitional oversight body to its bare minimum, the EPG unequivocally reveals its objective to strengthen and attempt to legitimize the powers of the de facto Prime Minister and his allies, thereby granting them approval for their 29 months in power, disregarding the hardships endured by the population during this period.

6. The EPG unilaterally decided to form a 7-member TC without discussing it with the involved stakeholders.
7. By presenting the formation of the new government in terms of the percentage allocated to the de facto Prime Minister, the EPG limits its political consensus to a pie-sharing characteristic of the ruling coalition since July 2021, known for its catastrophic outcomes experienced by the population. This presages no change in the current situation and would certainly hinder the coordination and unity of the government team. This pie-sharing opens doors to worsened corruption and will have adverse consequences on government functioning and the smooth organization of the electoral process.
8. The EPG reduces Haiti's severe multidimensional crisis to a mere electoral crisis. The document overlooks the need for transitional reforms to create conditions for uncontested elections, encouraging voter participation. The few attributions granted to the CEP, without revising the electoral system or considering the issue of political parties, indicate the quality of the projected elections, signaling a new era of instability and increased international interference.
9. The EPG excludes various sectors of the nation from decision-making about their living conditions, giving exclusive rights to the private sector to design an economic plan for supporting recovery. This is done without considering the history of economic and financial relations of this sector with the Haitian state, without regard to the necessity of behavioral change, especially concerning customs and tax matters, smuggling practices, false invoicing, illicit trafficking, and relationships of several sector members with gangs, which have led to international sanctions. Additionally, it fails to recognize the need for an alternative economic and financial model for Haiti, breaking away from the current poverty-stricken cycle affecting the majority of the population. The economic question is a national issue and not the exclusive privilege of the business sector.
10. The EPG urges stakeholders to fully endorse the international support mission without debating its terms of reference and operational methods, without considering the population's trauma associated with previous foreign interventions.
11. Overall, this document remains opaque regarding the methodological approach that gave rise to it. It also remains silent on the procedures and criteria for selecting members of transitional bodies, even without debating the "Mechanisms for the Consensual and Peaceful Establishment



of Another Transitional Executive: for a government of national salvation," proposed by the August 30, 2021, Montana Accord.

Given the magnitude and complexity of the crisis affecting the country, this document is deemed unacceptable. Once again, the international community, particularly one intimately linked to Haiti in terms of history and geography, has missed the opportunity to demonstrate respect for the dignity of the Haitian people. Instead, the GPE has chosen to impose leaders and solutions of their choice, in accordance with their undisclosed and unacknowledged agenda. The BSA strongly urges everyone to reconsider their actions, not only to grasp the magnitude of the catastrophe faced by the first land of liberty in our America, but also to rise to the level of their contribution to human emancipation. Finally, the BSA calls upon national progressive movements, citizens, and residents to mobilize their strengths to thwart this abhorrent project and unite in bringing forth a present and future that respects our dignity. Let everyone understand that through Haiti, the fate of the region is at stake at this decisive crossroads in reshaping the global order.

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