

PUBLIC NOTE ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE COUNTRY'S CRISIS

The Monitoring Office of the Accord 30th August (BSA) notes the failure of the CARICOM initiative to gather more actors to support Dr. Ariel Henry's power and ensure that the international community maintain the capacity to decide by itself the political future of Haiti. Since this failed attempt, the de facto power has exacerbated the security situation - assassinations, rapes, kidnappings - and other consequences affecting the population's lives to the extent that it seems clear the government's mission is to make all Haitians, both men and women, flee the country.

Today, the construction of chaos by the de facto power and its local and international allies have installed in Haiti, which goes hand in hand with insecurity, misery, and the total dependence of the country, aims to prevent the Haitian people from finding their path to deliverance by weakening all political and social organizations along with any efforts to restore the country's sovereignty.

Whether through spreading the belief that Haitians, both men and women, cannot unite, or asserting that Haitians lack the capacity to solve the manufactured insecurity problem, or disseminating the idea that society has no alternative proposals, all these maneuvers are carried out so the international community and its local allies can justify making decisions on how to lead the country. BSA strongly denounces all these tactics.

While those in power and their allies are spreading these speeches and propaganda to divert our attention, they allow their armed gangs to gain more territory, kill more people, acquire more weapons and munitions. The de facto power also adds more confusion to the understanding of the situation by pushing the narrative that the government militias are in rebellion against it. They aim to put the country in a situation where it must choose between "the plague and cholera," all to prevent organized forces within the country from finding a peaceful political solution to the deep-rooted crisis affecting the nation at all levels.

It was to prevent the country from reaching that situation that the Montana Accord made all the efforts since the Commission to search for a Haitian solution to the crisis began and still today continues to work with all relevant actors in the country to reach a consensus on a Haitian solution.

In the dangerous crossroads the country is in, where they are ready to use a civil war as a pretext to continue the genocide that has begun on the population, where the already committed massacres are not enough, we observe that an armed branch of the government is threatening to cause more violence. While the people's blood is flowing, the de facto government, since October 2022, is begging the United Nations to send an international force to do the work it is getting paid to do, without even developing a plan to restore security in the country.

Today, it is clear that the option for Ariel Henry and his de facto government to remain at the helm of the country is not on the table for any actor, except for those who control and enjoy the privileges of the State. But all the forces fighting for the country to change must remain vigilant in ensuring that Ariel Henry PHTK 3 does not leave only to be replaced by another Ariel Henry PHTK 4. That is not what the country needs; that is not what the gravity of this crisis demands.

Since the publication of Memorandum 8 on June 8, 2023, the Montana Accord made it clear that the de facto Prime Minister and his government cannot be part of the solution to the crisis and proposed a way to replace the entire team in power. After internal discussions within Montana and consultations with several other entities, the Montana Accord, aiming to expand and consolidate the indispensable forces of society to provide all Haitians with a social legitimacy, elaborated and published a working document on October 10, 2023, outlining the mechanism for replacing the de facto power. This document details the mechanisms to constructively, consensually establish a true transitional power that breaks with the bad practices of clientelism, corruption, nepotism, social injustice—in other words, a transition to lay the foundation for the other State that the national people are claiming. In this way, Haiti is creating conditions to organize free and fair elections that allow the country to enter a period of lasting stability.

Today, every conscientious citizen, every organization, and every progressive force, has to resist succumbing to the pitfalls trying to make us believe that we lack strength, and that we should follow blindly a project of which we do not know any details! The Montana Accord salutes the courage and determination of the people, who, despite repression and intimidation, continue to manifest its rejection of this government.

Today, as we customarily do in historic challenging moments, with much serenity, we must unite quickly and constructively on an ethical basis, in honesty and integrity, in respect for our moral values and our pride. Today, Montana, along with everyone committed to the interests of Haiti, proposes with humility that citizens, both men and women, and all consequential forces standing for the country's interests, organize peacefully to step away from the current power and build on the foundation of a new transitional power based on consensus. This is the only way for us, Haitian men and women, to take control of our destiny and establish the groundwork for a different governance model for the country.

Political intelligence, organization, resistance, citizen mobilization - these are the lights that will illuminate the path to the people's victory!

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