



## **Electoral Code of Conduct Second Round Presidential Election Haiti, 2011**

We, the political parties and candidates, signatories of the present Pact,

Bearing in mind the serious difficulties that have shaken our country during the first round of presidential and legislative elections of 28 November 2010;

Conscious of the historic task which falls upon us all to lead the country to legitimate political normalization and sustainable institutional stabilization through elections that are free, fair and democratic;

Deeply committed to respect the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Inter-American Convention on Human Rights and the Constitution of the Republic;

Determined to preserve the gains of the best traditions of the Haitian people;

Anxious to ensure peace, political, economic and social stability for current and future generations of the Republic of Haiti;

Recognizing the vital role of political parties and candidates to mobilize citizen participation for the expression of the popular vote;

Convinced that the organization of transparent and credible elections helps to calm the political and social climate and the consolidation of democracy in Haiti;

Convinced of the need for frank and effective involvement of all the stakeholders in the various phases of the electoral process;

Committed to ensuring the successful completion of elections;

Convinced that the extensive and diverse spirituality of the Haitian people is fundamental to guide the activities and management of the elected representatives on moral foundations and superior values such as transparency, integrity, fairness and respect;

Convinced of the need to adopt a code of conduct, of ethics and self-regulation,

that will govern our activities before, during and after the second round of elections on March 20, 2011,

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Solemnly agree to the following:

**Article 1** We commit to using legal and peaceful channels to access the power of the state and we commit to banning and condemning the use of arms, physical aggression, slander, corruption and rhetoric based on discrimination (religious, ethical or sexual) as battle instruments for power.

**Article 2** We commit to respecting the respecting the Constitution, the laws and electoral regulations piously and to promote a republican spirit to incite a climate of confidence between political parties and candidates on one hand and between institutions of the republic on the other;

**Article 3** We commit to not provoking, nor encouraging any exercise of violence, in any way or form, with a general purpose to pressure the Provisionary Electoral (CEP) council, before it announced the official results.

**Article 4** We commit to vigorously using the prescribed channels of the Constitution and it laws in the case that there is a dispute with the CEP.

**Article 5** We commit to respecting the right of rival parties and their supporters to meet and campaign peacefully in all of the regions of the country and by all means of communication at their disposition, within the framework of existing laws.

**Article 6** We commit to promoting and respecting the laws that prohibit the destruction of private or public property before, during or after the electoral period, contributing thus to reinforcing a secure environment indispensable to the peaceful development of elections.

**Article 7** We commit to respecting the neutrality proclaimed by the CEP and the government before, during and after the election day

**Article 8** We commit to cooperating with the responsible organizations charged with public security in order to guarantee a serene climate favorable to a peaceful electoral process.

**Article 9** In case of disagreements or inter-party conflicts, we pledge that we will resort to dialogue and conciliation to find solutions through peaceful means. Should there be clear violations to the spirit and text of this pact, an ad-hoc committee, established by consensus for this purpose, will take the initiative of questioning the violators to seek redress.

**Article 10** We commit to validate the electoral process and the results issued of this process.

**Article 11** We commit to sensitize and mobilize citizens on the need to obtain national identity cards in time and to condemn any fraudulent use of those cards.

**Article 12** We commit to sensitize party supporters to avoid any electoral violation.

**Article 13** On election day, we commit to:

- Be represented in the polling stations by pollwatchers well trained and aware of their responsibilities and obligations;
- Not manipulate, intimidate or corrupt party agents, party delegates or voters by any means;
- Not take any action that may corrupt the voting process, collection and tabulation of results.
- Set up reliable mechanisms to collect information at the communal, departmental and national level on all electoral operations;

**Article 14** After election day we commit to:

- Accept the results of the election and congratulate each other if we don't have objections;
- Respectfully present our complaints regarding potential cases of fraud or irregularities in accordance with current legislation,
- Avoid any form of violence when resolving electoral disputes;
- Resolve any differences through dialogue, conciliation and mediation, using existing mechanism ;
- Encourage the implementation and respect of this Code of Conduct by party members and supporters.

**Article 15** The signing of this Pact is not limited or exclusive and remains open to all party, movement or platform that would like to sign it.

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Having signed: