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Ambassador Roger Noriega
Chair of the Permanent Council
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Washington, D.C.

Excellency:

On the occasion of the upcoming OAS Permanent Council meeting on the Haitian crisis, the *Convergence Démocratique* wishes to renew its commitment to the quest for a negotiated peaceful solution to this crisis.

On July 11, we sent the Assistant Secretary General a counter-proposal to the Initial Accord, which reflects our position. That position is as stated below:

A solution to the Haitian crisis must involve democratic, fair, free and transparent elections and an effort to gain, through national dialogue, a consensus to build a state in which the rule of law prevails, by reinforcing security, building a democratic institutional framework, respecting human rights, promoting economic and social progress, good governance and transparency.

In order for genuine elections to take place, we require:

- A clear commitment to the path of democracy, which would involve the implementation of OAS resolution 806, as well as recommendations from the Independent Commission of Enquiry into the events of December 17, 2001.
- An independent and qualified Provisional Electoral Council (CEP), based on consensus, one that inspires respect and that operates in a transparent fashion. We are prepared to contribute to the establishment of such a Council.
- A political environment that is conducive to the holding of fresh elections and that will guarantee fair conditions for the competing sectors.
- A government of consensus that is able to reassure the political parties and the citizenry of its democratic vocation and its commitment to the holding of credible elections.
- A public administration that serves all and that does not interfere in elections.
- Police reform, involving the depoliticization and professionalization of the police, which would inspire confidence in its impartiality and effectiveness.
- Technical and economic support for the electoral process.

- International participation in observing the elections.
- The practical involvement of the international community in the process of implementing this Accord.

It seems to us, therefore, that for implementation of the Accord, specific evaluation criteria and indicators over time, subject to regular reports by an entity coordinated by the special Mission, would be essential.

The *Convergence Démocratique* is ready to sign immediately an initial Accord that takes these proposals into account and to participate in a national dialogue and any initiative that ensures security, justice, respect for human rights and effective governance in Haiti.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.

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