



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
VII GENERAL ASSEMBLY
QUITO, ECUADOR, FROM MAY 29 TO JUNE 3, 2006**

Committee on Democracy and Peace

Recommendation on Haiti

WHEREAS elections constitute a fundamental step toward the restoration of democracy, the consolidation of institutions, and stability in Haiti;

WHEREAS the two rounds of presidential and legislative elections held in Haiti on February 7 and April 21, 2006, were widely deemed to be free and transparent by most of the 300 international observers on hand;

WHEREAS the results of the two rounds of presidential and legislative elections in Haiti were accepted by the Haitian people and recognized by the international community;

WHEREAS, despite the circumstances, Haitians turned out in great numbers to vote, demonstrating their belief in democracy;

WHEREAS no political party won a majority in either the Senate or the House, and whereas certain political parties have only one representative in the National Assembly;

WHEREAS President René Préal must forge alliances with the other parties in the National Assembly to form the next government, since his party didn't win a majority;

WHEREAS the next government will be expected to reach out to all the country's political forces to put in place the conditions needed for institutions to contribute to Haiti's democratic development;

WHEREAS at the Donor's Conference organized at the initiative of the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Commission, and the Inter-American Development Bank in July 2004 in Washington, nearly \$1.4 billion in loans and donations was promised to the Government of Haiti to aid in reconstructing the country;

WHEREAS Haiti continues to be plagued by violence and poverty;

WE, the representatives of the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the united, federated, and associated states of the regional and interparliamentary organizations gathered in Quito, Ecuador for the 7th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas:

CONGRATULATE the Haitian people for their remarkable sense of civic responsibility and dedication during these elections;

RECOGNIZE the results of the first and second rounds of the presidential and legislative elections in Haiti;

ACKNOWLEDGE the progress made to date in Haiti's political process;

CALL ON the next government of Haiti to foster an atmosphere of dialog and national reconciliation;

ENCOURAGE the authorities and people of Haiti to tackle the security, constitutional, and economic and social development challenges facing the country;

ENCOURAGE President René Prével and the various parties represented in the Haitian Parliament to work together to find lasting solutions to the political, economic, and social problems plaguing the country;

INSIST that financial institutions and international donors contribute to the country's economic and social development by providing long term support to Haitians and making available without further delay the funds they have promised;

URGE the international community to work with the new government to draw up a long term plan for Haiti's economic, social, and political development and the strengthening of its institutions;

REAFFIRM the commitment of parliamentarians in the Americas to helping Haitians reconstruct and develop their country;

INVITE the newly elected members of Haiti's National Assembly to play an active role in the various activities of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas.