

Note # 2: Conjoncture

Position of the Consensus December 21

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Today, our country is living through the most perilous times in its history: a state in full decomposition, law enforcement agencies unable to guarantee and ensure the safety of lives and property, despite the courageous efforts made to date.

Armed gangs, protected and manipulated by powerful hands, reign terror and death throughout the country. They are destroying the country's economy, raping, kidnapping, holding to ransom, massacring, and releasing dreaded criminals from prison. They even aspire to seize the country's political leadership. In any country: an armed attack on an airport, an armed attack by gangs on prisons, causing thousands of prisoners to escape, has a name: TERRORISM. Considering what's unfolding, we ask ourselves: why, in the case of Haiti, should terrorism be rewarded?

The current disaster was foreseeable. The elites were unable to rise above their egos to find the energy needed to build together the imperative dam in the face of this descent into hell. Despite Prime Minister Ariel Henry's calls for dialogue over the past 30 months, and the many concessions made by the government and its allies, the struggle of the effective and clannish control of power has prevented the emergence of any consensual solution to the crisis. Appeals by the government led by Prime Minister Henry to the international community for support in dealing with the growing insecurity that threatens the very existence of our nation have so far received only promises that come too late, or never. Despite everything, the Haitian people are impatiently awaiting the arrival of the Multinational Security Support Mission (MMSS).

Are we about to witness the gangs' victory over democracy, justice and the rule of law?

Are we about to see the Haitian nation reduced to a pariah republic under gang control?

Are we about to see politicians use gang terror to get rid of their opponents and seize power?

Are we about to see the gangs' verdict imposed on us?

Prime Minister Ariel Henry, who has been invited to international meetings, seems to be held up abroad and has so far been unable to return to the country.

We, the members of the December 21 Accord, reiterate our position in favor of dialogue, which must lead to inclusive governance. We believe that it is important and urgent to seek and find a common solution, without excluding any group, any sector, to get the country out of this crisis that threatens its very foundations.

The members of the December 21 Accord, faced with the peril threatening the Nation, believe that a broad and inclusive agreement must be reached between the Haitian parties as soon as possible.

To this end, we propose

1- The urgent dispatch of an ad hoc assistance force.

2- The deployment of a multi-national security support force

3- The creation of a 5-member Presidential Council or the installation of the President of the Court of Cassation as Provisional President.

4- The rapid return of Prime Minister Ariel Henry to the country and his continued presence until the installation of the new elected officials.

It is understood that the 2 heads of the Executive must strive to work in a spirit of harmony for the good of the common homeland, and that neither of them will be able to make any change to the Agreement as agreed.

5- The formation of a Government of National Unity.

This Government's mission will include.

1- Take all necessary measures to create a climate of security throughout the country as quickly as possible.

2- Set up a non-partisan CEP, made up of personalities known for their competence, reliability, and integrity, and likely to command the confidence of all parties.

3- Lead the constitutional reform process
4- Carry out the elections within a reasonable timeframe and in a climate conducive to healthy competition.

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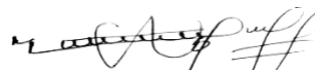
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