

Special Declaration 26: Of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States regarding Haitis political situation

The Head of States and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Costa Rica, for the III Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), that took place on January 28th and 29th 2015;

Considering:

The principles and foundational values of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States;

The prevailing situation of Haiti since 2011 which has resulted, to date, in the postponement of important legislative and municipal elections;

The need to organize free, impartial, transparent and inclusive elections as soon as possible, to preserve and strengthen the constitutional order;

Taking into account:

The efforts deployed in order to overcome the difficulties which have hindered the organization of free, impartial, transparent and inclusive elections to this point;

The agreements achieved between the Executive Branch and important stakeholders playing a role in the crisis;

Considering:

The recent positive developments of the situation in Haiti, especially the formation and ascension to power of a government of consensus, as well as a Provisional Electoral Council inspired in the constitutional provisions;

The intervention of the President of the Republic of Haiti, His Excellency Michel Joseph MARTELLY, before the Plenary of the Summit, the continuous dialogue kept with him, and his commitment to continue efforts for the realization of the aforementioned elections during 2015;

DECLARE:

Their support to the Constitutional Haitian Authorities and all interested stakeholders committed to the realization at the earliest possible convenience during the present year, of free, impartial, transparent and inclusive elections to preserve and consolidate the progress achieved in the building of democracy and improve the living conditions of citizens and the country's sustainable development.

Belén, Costa Rica, January 29th, 2015