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### **ParlAmericas – Election Observation Mission in Haiti - 2015**

Following the signature of a memorandum of understanding with the Provisional Electoral Council of Haiti, ParlAmericas, an independent network of national legislatures in the Americas, deployed an election observation mission (Mission Indépendante d'Observation Électorale en Haïti - MiOÉH) for the country's presidential, parliamentary and local elections. Mr. Alain Gauthier was appointed as Head of Mission.

The purpose of this mission is to promote a transparent and non-violent election process, while ensuring respect for national electoral laws, and Haiti's commitments at the regional and international levels.

The MiOEH will conduct an independent and impartial observation of the electoral process. Twelve Long-Term Observers (LTOs) have been deployed throughout Haiti's administrative departments since late September 2015. Twenty-four Short-Term Observers (STOs), including former parliamentarians, will support their activities during the final days of the campaign period. All observers must comply with requirements set out in the UN "*Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and Code of Conduct for International Election Observers*".

The MiOEH will issue a Preliminary Statement on October 27, 2015 following the vote counting process. The Mission will continue to observe all steps of the electoral process, including tabulation and adjudication of election-related complaints, and will publish a final report on the electoral process with proposed recommendations.

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