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STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS

Pursuing their anti-democratic conspiracy against the Haitian nation, general Cedras and his military accomplices, with the assistance of the most repressive segments of the Duvalier regime (i.e. drug traffickers, black-marketers and racketeers), are desperately seeking to legitimize their illegal coup of september 30, 1991.

At gun point, the Prime Minister was dismissed, then a new president was installed supposedly to restore the constitutional order violated by general Cedras and his accomplices when they forced out a duly-elected, popularly-acclaimed and internationally-recognized president.

We, Haitian patriots living in Dade County, vehemently denounce these constitutional maneuvers. The Prime Minister can only be recalled by the President and there are no constitutional provisions for the nomination and swearing-in of Judge Joseph Nerette as the provisional president. In fact, the entire procedure is unconstitutional; beginning with the convocation of the parliament by the army and the very presence of the army chiefs in the parliamentary hearings. Allow us to point out that the legitimate government of the country denounced these maneuvers as soon as they took place.

We take note that the American Government, along with the international community, has refused to recognize this new president. However, we must call your attention to the the ambiguous attitude of the Bush Administration which we feel has encouraged the military and their accomplices in this constitutional mockery. A restoration of constitutional order implies first and foremost, the return to power of Jean-Bertrand ARISTIDE, the constitutionally-elected president of Haiti. This constitutional order also implies an immediate end to this genocide being perpetuated against the Haitian people by the military along with the illegally released macoute-prisoners. This constitutional order further implies that the will of the Haitian people be respected as it was clearly stated by the 67% majority vote that gave an unequivocal mandate to Jean-Bertrand ARISTIDE to lead the country's destiny.

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