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Statement by Parlamericas on the Conclusion of the Presidential Election Process in Haiti

ParlAmericas welcomes the announcement of results for the 20 November 2016 presidential and runoff parliamentary elections in Haiti by the *Conseil Électoral Provisoire* (CEP).

ParlAmericas also highlights the election of four women from different political parties who will bring a critically important perspective to the Parliament of Haiti in its representative and deliberative functions.

In 2015, ParlAmericas was invited by the CEP to observe the electoral process though the *Mission d'observation électorale en Haïti* (MiOEH). This mission drew attention to the electoral experience of women candidates, the challenges that they encountered, and the importance of striving for gender balance in public institutions at all levels to ensure that decisions are taken in a way that benefits from the lived experiences of both women and men.

As a network of the national legislatures of the Americas and independent forum for inter-parliamentary diplomacy and cooperative political dialogue, ParlAmericas expresses its continued commitment to working with the Parliament of Haiti in support of strengthened national and hemispheric democratic processes.

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