

**Opening soon of an electoral observation unit in Port-au-Prince: Rosemond Pradel considers that the electoral process has reached a satisfying level**

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**Port-au-Prince, June 21, 2005 (AHP)**- General Secretary of the Provisional Electoral Council Rosemond Pradel announced Tuesday he opening soon of an electoral observation unit in Port-au-Prince, for the evaluation of the electoral process in Haiti.

According to Rosemond Pradel, this institution will be formed by representatives of 7 electoral organizations from 7 different countries. "An agreement will be signed between this "electoral observation" unit and the CEP before the beginning of the works.

At the Montreal conference on June 16th and 17th, it was rather an « international mission of evaluation » of the legislative and presidential elections that should be held in Haiti at the end of 2005 that was planned.

Rosemond Pradel also considered that the electoral process has reached a satisfying level, with the installation of 98 new registration centers in the country. The number of registration centers went up to 205 on 465 and 160.000 potential voters have been registered out of the 4, 5 millions, he said.

Rosemond Pradel considers that it is still possible for the CEP to respect the dates planned for the holding of the different elections that should begin in October.

For her part, Counselor Josepha Raymond Gauthier announced the opening soon of Departmental Electoral Offices (BEDs) and Communal Electoral Offices (BECs). According to Mme Gauthier, the CEP is waiting for the publication of the results of the competitive entry examination for members of these offices, organized recently by a 5-member commission. It is the first time an examination has been organized to recruit members of BEDs and BECs, she declared.

A diplomatic source in Port-au-Prince told AHP Tuesday that the international community was ready to support elections organized with the participation of 200.000 to 300.000 voters.

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