

the signing of the agreement presented this Tuesday at the National Palace.

One of the spokespersons of Fanmi Lavalas, Gilvert Angervil, confirmed Tuesday that Fanmi Lavalas was kept at a distance.

This is the case despite the fact that it had designated one of the three members of the "tripartite committee" that had initially appointed the representatives to sit on the "council of the wise".

Officially, it is the "council of the wise" that chose the interim prime minister, Gérard Latortue.

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Gérard Latortue promises that his government will scrupulously respect the language of the agreement reached with certain political sectors

Port-au-Prince, April 6, 2004 -(AHP)- Interim Prime Minister Gérard Latortue declared Tuesday that the document relating to the transition process signed by his government and by various political sectors, traces the path to be followed to save the country.

Mr. Latortue guaranteed that his government will scrupulously respect all the clauses inserted into this document and called on the other parties to do the same.

"My government will always be based on competence and honesty and will combat corruption and violence with all its might", he said.

The head of the interim government also reminded the members of the current government and other senior officials of the State that they can not under any circumstances take part in the next elections scheduled for the year 2005, which, he said, will be free, honest and democratic.

The current government, he said, will be watching over only the technical quality of the next elections.

"The losers in these elections will have to accept their defeat", Gérard Latortue stressed.

The interim prime minister took this opportunity to praise the courage of the members of the "council of the wise" who, he said, sacrificed themselves to contribute important work, particularly the work toward the creation of this document.

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The Convergence and the Group of 184 express satisfaction at the signature of of the document on the "consensus for political transition": Fanmi Lavalas and some of the "non-aligned" parties are absent

Port-au-Prince, April 6, 2004 -(AHP)- The Democratic Convergence and the Group of 184 hailed the signing of the document called "consensus for political transition".

The leader of the KID party, Evans Paul, speaking on behalf of the Democratic Convergence, said that the