

rejected the document on the transition process Wednesday that was agreed between the Latortue government and the Democratic Convergence along with the Group of 184.

ALLAH leader Reynold Georges said that this agreement is not binding on political parties that are not part of the 184 coalition and the Convergence.

Mr. Georges considers that this strategy of exclusion proves that the current government is preparing to organize official elections without the participation of the population.

He appealed to the government of Mr. Latortue to immediately cease implementation of this document. Otherwise, he declared his intention to lead a legal battle to force the government to do so, because in his view the agreement is only binding upon one political sector.

Another party official, the attorney Alexandre Paul, proposed that presidential elections be held this coming May.

According to Mr. Paul, it is possible to hold elections this year if the Latortue government does not intend, he said, to continue to violate the Constitution of 1987.

Alexandre Paul said he believes that it is necessary to organize elections rapidly in Haiti in order to put the country on a constitutional track.

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**Operation December 15, 2002 criticizes the agreement on the transition process reached between the Latortue government, the Democratic Convergence and the Group of 184**  
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**Port-au-Prince, April 7, 2004 -(AHP)-** Operation December 15, 2002, spoke out Wednesday against the accord reached by the Latortue government with the Democratic Convergence and the Group of 184.

During a news conference, a spokesperson for Operation December 15, 2002, Vanel Durandis, said he would like to see a genuine political agreement that takes into account the country's current political and socio-economic reality.

This is the only means, he said, that can lead to a successful political transition.

The leader of the December 15 Operation deplored that "the consensual agreement" was signed only by the government, a few political parties, and a fraction of the country's civil society organizations.

"This document is far from being a political agreement, or even a consensual agreement", asserted Mr. Durandis, adding that it was conceived in the spirit of keeping at a distance some of the political groupings that belonged to the "Democratic Platform", which in his view was a true example of unity.

Those who worked out the language of the document and those who signed it are demonstrating an absence of global vision regarding the transition process, Mr. Durandis remarked. He pointed out that a political accord is nothing but a means to return to constitutional order.

For his part, Turneb Delpé advocated for what he called a formal debate on the question of the armed forces.

According to him, it is an institution provided for under the Constitution, and it should be reconstituted as part of the political transition.

He said he was shocked to find that the government is keeping a low profile on this issue while at the beginning, former general Hérard Abraham, who is now the interim Minister of the Interior, had made it one of his priorities.

Turneb Delpé also commented that he opposes what he called the occupation of the country by foreign troops.

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**The U.S. Ambassador to Haiti states that the April 6 agreement will facilitate the holding of good elections in the country**  
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**Port-au-Prince, April 7, 2004 -(AHP)-** U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James Foley stated Tuesday that the accord on the transition process reached between the Latortue government and elements of the ex-opposition coalition will facilitate the holding of good elections in the country.

Mr. Foley asked the other parties including the Fanmi Lavalas Political organization to sign the document because the next elections will be open to all parties.

The U.S. ambassador also welcomed the fact that the political parties came to an agreement, he said, to hold these elections in 2005.

These elections constitute an element of stability and confidence for the country, he observed.

Mr. Foley promised technical and financial support from his government toward the organization of the elections.

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**Soldiers of the multinational force free a police officer arrested by the rebels in Gonaïves**  
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**Gonaïves, April 7, 2004 -(AHP)-** The soldiers of the multinational force deployed in Gonaïves intervened Tuesday in the populist community of Raboteau to free a police officer arrested by the former rebels of Gonaïves.

The members of the international force also said they were looking for Ti Will, one of the leaders of the Front, following the discovery of a vehicle belonging to the group that was filled with illegal weapons.

Another leader of the Front, Butteur Matayer, refuted the accusations against Ti Will, saying that Ti Will had intervened to obtain the release of the police officer who was in the custody of the population.

The French soldiers also seized more than ten illegal weapons through this operation.

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