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We, the Biwo Avoka Entènasyonal (BAI), Mouvman Jèn Solidè pou yon lòt Sosyete (MJSS), MOLEGHAF, cholera victims, and all the other organizations who launched a nation-wide appeal of awareness, salute the massive participation of the Haitian people during the various days of national awareness across the country since February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We would also like to take this opportunity to launch a warning to all politicians and elite business men who believe they can twist the 3 fundamental claims of the Haitian people having a conjectural and structural aspect.

In the conjectural aspect, the Haitian population is making a politico-legal claim demanding the departure of Jovenel Moise so the Petro-Caribe trial can take place. Because Jovenel's name has been mentioned in several reports from governmental institutions such as UCREF, Parliament, and the Court of Accounts, as someone who has wasted over 4 billion US dollars of the Petro-Caribe fund.

In the structural aspect, the people have in the first place, a socioeconomic claim denouncing hunger, the high cost of living, poverty, the declination of the gourde, etc. ... Secondly, it is rejecting the "squeeze and suck" system established in the country since 1806, as it asserts a sovereign national conference to address the country's sovereignty and the socio-economic exclusion of the masses.

In this regard, we, the Biwo Avoka Entènasyonal (BAI), Mouvman Jèn Solidè pou yon lòt Sosyete (MJSS), MOLEGHAF, and allies are requesting the application of the of the 1987 Constitution (French/ Creole) which requires that the most senior judge of the Supreme Court assume the role of interim president, as it was done in the 1990, put together a 33 member council to monitor government actions for a democratic transition lasting 2 or 3 years. In the process of this democratic transition, the government's mission will be to organize a national conference to establish a new socially inclusive system which will take up the claims of the Haitian people. Claims such as, free school for all children, healthcare for all, social housing for all, clean drinking water for all, etc....

We will finish with asking the population to stay mobilized, stay in the streets, stay behind the roadblocks, until Jovenel Moise and his cohorts leave the National Palace to allow the proper conditions to be present so that the Petro-Caribe trial can take place, in the framework of a democratic transition that will organize a sovereign national conference.