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S. RES. 130

Expressing the sense of the Senate that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 1999

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections.

Whereas Rene Preval was elected president of Haiti on December 17, 1995, and inaugurated on February 7, 1996;

Whereas a political impasse between President Preval and the Haitian Parliament over the past 2 years has stalled democratic development and contributed to the Haitian people's political disillusionment;

Whereas Haiti's economic development is stagnant, living conditions are deplorable, and democratic institutions have yet to become effective;

Whereas Haiti's political leaders propose free, fair, and transparent elections for local and national legislative bodies; and

Whereas Haiti's new independent Provisional Electoral Council has scheduled those elections for November and December 1999: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the provisional Electoral Council
3 of Haiti for its decision to hold elections for 19 sen-
4 ate seats, providing for a transparent resolution of
5 the disputed 1997 elections;

6 (2) urges the Government of Haiti to actively
7 engage in dialogue with all elements of Haitian soci-
8 ety to further a self-sustainable democracy;

9 (3) encourages the Government and all political
10 parties in Haiti to proceed toward conducting free,
11 fair, transparent, and peaceful elections as sched-
12 uled, in the presence of domestic and international
13 observers, without pressure or interference;

14 (4) urges the Clinton Administration and the
15 international community to continue to play a posi-
16 tive role in Haiti's economic and political develop-
17 ment;

18 (5) urges the United Nations to provide appro-
19 priate technical support for the elections and to
20 maximize the use of United Nations civilian police
21 monitors of the CIVPOL mission during the election
22 period;

1 (6) encourages the Clinton Administration and
2 the international community to provide all appro-
3 priate assistance for the coming elections;

4 (7) encourages the Government of Haiti to
5 adopt adequate security measures in preparation for
6 the proposed elections;

7 (8) urges all elements of Haitian civil society,
8 including the political leaders of Haiti, to publicly
9 renounce violence and promote a climate of security;
10 and

11 (9) urges the United States and other members
12 of the international community to continue support
13 toward a lasting and committed transition to democ-
14 racy in Haiti.

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