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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections in Haiti

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative welcomes the announcement by the Provisional Electoral Council (PEC) of the final results of the first round of the presidential and legislative elections in Haiti.

The HR calls on all political forces in Haiti to contribute responsibly to the electoral process so that the second round can be concluded in a manner fully respectful of the Constitution, the rule of law and of the will of the Haitian people. A peaceful and transparent democratic transition and political stability are prerequisites for the successful pursuit of Haiti's recovery and reconstruction.

The European Union will continue to follow closely the situation in Haiti and will maintain its support to the electoral process and its assistance to the Haitian people."

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