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**Report of the international observers  
Parliament elections held on Friday October 19, 2012, in Curaçao**

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Preparations for the elections of October 19, 2012, were well organized by the Supreme Electoral Council (*Hoofdstembureau*) and the Civil Registry and executed in the afternoon and early evening. All ballots and polling station materials were uploaded in a small container, which was sealed for security reasons. The materials were then transferred to a central distribution point and set up in four rooms that were locked and guarded by security officers.

General overview

The voting process was conducted in an orderly manner. The polling stations were located in good physical facilities and opened on time at eight o'clock in the morning. There were no problems with the establishment of the polling stations. The presiding officer and members of the polling stations were well acquainted with their respective tasks. Voting booth privacy was well organized. One could see the integrity of the process in general. The observers were impressed with the accommodation for the physically handicapped.

The general sense of security at the polling stations was high and well appreciated including the observance at the prison. Although the lines at certain big polling stations were long, the voters waited patiently.

The registration of persons eligible to vote in the Curaçao electoral system is practical and good. The observers saw no persons who objected to not being in the voter's registry.

The observers commend the Supreme Electoral Council and the Civil Registry for the competent organization of the elections. The conduct of the general public impressed the observers.

Recommendations

The observers were informed that the elections were called on short notice and that there was insufficient time to readjust the number of voters in each polling station. We recommend that a reallocation of voters be considered as soon as possible and, if possible, to increase the total number of polling stations.

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Some observers recommend the Supreme Electoral Council and the Civil Registry to instruct the chairpersons and the members of the voting bureaus to count the ballots facing the political party representatives and any other observers.

The observers appreciate the invitation extended to us by the government of Curaçao to attend and observe the elections. It was indeed an honour and privilege.

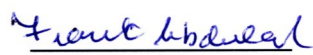
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