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I have informed the members of the Council of your letter of 7 September (S/21845), concerning possible United Nations assistance in connection with the forthcoming elections in Haiti, and your letter of 17 September (S/21846) clarifying the Haitian Government's request.

The members of the Council, without prejudice to their positions on the competence of the organs of the United Nations on electoral assistance if requested by a Member State and without prejudice to the right of any member of the Council to raise the matter at any later time in the Council for further consideration, concur that it is important that you respond positively to the request for assistance from the Government of Haiti on an urgent basis. They note that the proposed assistance to its electoral process, as requested by the provisional President of Haiti, which involves inter alia the provision of advisers, observers and experts on electoral security matters, but does not include the use of any United Nations peace-keeping forces, will be considered in its entirety by the General Assembly. They express the hope that the General Assembly will take urgent action so that the United Nations assistance can be extended within the time-frame required by Haiti to hold its elections.

(<u>Signed</u>) David HANNAY
President of the Security Council

