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Leaders of an international observer mission to the November 29 Haitian elections will make a statement on the situation in Haiti upon their arrival in Miami, Tuesday afternoon, December 1. The press conference will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the University of Miami auditorium (3rd floor) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 Southeast Second Avenue, Miami.

Spokesmen will be former Belize Prime Minister George Price and National Democratic Institute President Brian Atwood who led the 24-person international delegation to the November 29 elections. The delegation has been detained in Haiti since the suspension of the elections on Sunday. The flight carrying the delegation is expected to arrive at the Miami International Airport at approximately 2:00 p.m. (EST).

Delegation members include nationals from Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Liberia, the Philippines, St. Lucia, Senegal, Trinidad, the United States, and Venezuela.

Delegates witnessed the opening of the polls, the voting process and the ensuing violence in several locations in Port-au-Prince, Jacmel and LaCaye.

The press conference is sponsored by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. conducting nonpartisan international programs to help maintain and strengthen democratic institutions in new and emerging democracies.

Arrangements for the conference are being handled by Carriibbean and Central American Action (CCAA), which is holding its annual conference in Miami.

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