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Mobilization of Haitian women for the elections



Port-au-Prince, 19 July 2005 – On 19 July 2005, forty Haitian women, who are potential candidates for the next election, attended the official launching of the « reseau des femmes candidates pour gagner » (RFCG). This initiative follows the seminar organized, from 3 to 8 July, 2005 at “Moulin Sur Mer” by the Gender Unit and the Integrated Training Center of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

"Creating a framework for women candidates for their success during the next elections and the establishment of the bonds of solidarity between the candidates" are some of the objectives of the network, said Mrs. Yolette Mengual, a member of the Haitian Female Collective for the Political Participation of Women (Fanm Yo La). In addition, she appealed to Haitian women for massive participation in the next polls.

The chief of MINUSTAH's Gender Unit, Mrs. Nadine Puechguirbal, highlighted the report according to which "the Haitian women politicians need reinforcement of their capacities to be able to engage in the electoral process with more self-confidence, particularly as candidates".

For Mrs. Roselore Aubourg, member of the network which participated in the training, "MINUSTAH allows the women to surmount the obstacles confronting them in relation to the election campaign." Mrs. Magdala Michel, another participant in the training, "welcomes this initiative of MINUSTAH, hoping to profit from additional training intended to build confidence and provide communication skills".

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