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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Within 48 hours of the Transitional Presidential Council dissolution on February 7, Prime Minister Alix Didier Fils-Aime received formal endorsement from every major international stakeholder including the United States, BINUH, OAS, France, Canada, and the Dominican Republic. This unprecedented coordination establishes the strongest international backing for any Haitian executive since the CPT formation while simultaneously exposing the weakest domestic constitutional foundation. The absence of legislative or judicial checks creates operationally functional but constitutionally hollow governance. Domestic opposition is crystallizing around legitimacy concerns with the Kolektif Tet Ansanm political collective warning against unilateral governance and lawyer Marc Sony Charles declaring Fils-Aime decisions unconstitutional. Security operations continue intensifying with confirmed gang attacks in Kenscoff and planned Delmas municipal demolitions.



QUICK SUMMARY FOR STAKEHOLDERS

International community achieves unprecedented consensus backing Fils-Aime within 48 hours through coordinated statements from US BINUH OAS France Canada and Dominican Republic. Domestic political opposition emerges with KTA collective warning against unilateral governance and legal challenges questioning PM constitutional authority. Security baseline unchanged with gang control of Port-au-Prince estimated at 85-90 percent and confirmed Kenscoff attack killing at least seven civilians. Macroeconomic indicators remain stable with gourde holding at 130.89-131.00 per dollar and January customs revenue showing slight year-over-year increase. GSF deployment gap continues through April 2026 with first contingents expected in spring and full deployment targeted for October 2026.

DEVELOPMENT 1: International Stakeholder Alignment on Interim Authority

The most consequential development in this reporting cycle is the speed and comprehensiveness of international endorsement for Prime Minister Fils-Aime sole executive authority following the February 7 CPT mandate expiration. Within 48 hours every major international actor with operational presence or financial commitment to Haiti issued formal statements recognizing his interim government. The United States on February 7 took note of the peaceful transfer of power and pledged support for PM Fils-Aime leadership in building a strong prosperous and free Haiti. BINUH followed on February 9 with a statement explicitly invoking the newly adopted Security Council Resolution 2814 which renewed BINUH mandate and established the legal architecture for post-CPT governance support.

The Organization of American States issued the most detailed position paper on February 9

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characterizing the interim period as short purposeful and clearly directed. OAS language reveals international strategy to prevent mandate creep or indefinite PM rule by emphasizing time constraints and specific deliverables. The statement identified two priority objectives improving security environment and advancing electoral preparations in accordance with the published calendar which implicitly endorses the August 30 2026 election date. OAS confirmed current provision of technical and financial support to the Haitian National Police and National Identification Office while calling the Gang Suppression Force deployment critical to restoration of security under UNSCR 2793.

France Canada and the Dominican Republic completed the consensus framework. France saluted the orderly transfer of executive power and pledged continued support for GSF and Haitian security forces. Canada characterized the transition as an important step toward stability while directing PM Fils-Aime to work diligently to improve security and organize general elections. Dominican Republic exhorted political leaders to maintain institutional unity and support the government directed by PM Fils-Aime. This coordinated messaging within 48 hours demonstrates advance diplomatic planning and reflects shared concern about governance vacuum risks.

The invocation of UNSCR 2814 by BINUH provides the critical legal foundation. This resolution adopted in early 2026 renewed BINUH mandate and incorporated provisions for the post-CPT governance framework. Combined with UNSCR 2793 authorizing the GSF under Chapter VII these resolutions constitute the international legal architecture supporting Fils-Aime interim authority. OAS reference to Roadmap Revision Three incorporating priorities identified by Haitian authorities reflects PM Fils-Aime recent Washington visit and suggests advance coordination on transition parameters.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

International coordination on Haiti governance has historically been fragmented with competing priorities among US CARICOM Canada France and UN actors. The 2021-2024 period saw persistent disagreement on Montana Accord versus CPT legitimacy. The February 2026 consensus represents the strongest alignment since the 2004 MINUSTAH deployment and reflects shared assessment that governance vacuum poses greater risk than imperfect transitional authority.

TALKING POINTS

Every major international stakeholder formally endorsed PM Fils-Aime within 48 hours following February 7 CPT dissolution establishing unprecedented coordination.

BINUH invocation of UNSCR 2814 provides legal framework for international support to interim government through renewed mandate.

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OAS characterized interim period as short purposeful and clearly directed to prevent mandate creep while endorsing August 30 2026 election timeline.

International consensus prioritizes two objectives improving security environment and advancing electoral preparations with published calendar.

Coordination reflects advance diplomatic planning and shared concern about governance vacuum risks outweighing transitional authority imperfections.

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

International organizations should reference UNSCR 2814 in programming documents and advocacy materials to establish legal basis for engagement with interim government.

Donors should establish structured consultation mechanisms with PM Fils-Aime within next six to eight weeks before domestic opposition consolidates.

Development partners should align technical assistance priorities with OAS Roadmap Revision Three incorporating Haitian government identified objectives.

Security sector actors should coordinate planning for January through April 2026 gap period between MSS drawdown and GSF activation.

Political affairs teams should monitor whether PM Fils-Aime publishes governance decrees in Le Moniteur establishing legal framework for interim authority.



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DEVELOPMENT 2: Domestic Opposition Crystallization and Legitimacy Challenge

While international actors achieved rapid consensus domestic political forces are mobilizing opposition to PM Fils-Aime sole executive authority based on constitutional legitimacy concerns. The Kolektif Tet Ansanm pou Ayiti issued a formal note on February 8 that accepted the transfer of power to the Council of Ministers as factual reality but warned the PM against toute gouvernance unilaterale. KTA called for immediate launch of genuine inter-Haitian dialogue capable of bringing together all political social and economic forces. The collective identified three priority areas security restoration political stabilization and organization of credible elections while explicitly threatening that any attempt at isolated governance would risk aggravating the crisis and compromising chances of stability.

KTA represents significant political weight as it includes Rescapes pour l'Avenir under Tarly Guirand and Mouvement pour la Sauvegarde de la Democratie under Lickel Pierre. Their

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February 8 statement provides the template for domestic opposition messaging focusing not on rejecting Fils-Aime authority but demanding participatory governance mechanisms. AlterPresse published analytical pieces on February 10 characterizing the post-CPT period as entering new phase of transition with deep structural uncertainty. Observers cited by AlterPresse assessed that Fils-Aime exercise of executive power manque de la legitimite populaire indispensable creating vulnerability to political challenge.

The most direct legal challenge came from lawyer Marc Sony Charles who declared Fils-Aime current decisions contrary to the Constitution and constituting criminal infractions. Charles argued the CPT retains legal competence to proceed with his dismissal despite having dissolved and warned that if Fils-Aime persists he will have to answer for his acts before competent authorities. While this legal argument is unlikely to gain traction given CPT dissolution and overwhelming international backing it signals that domestic legal challenges will be recurring feature of interim period. The absence of functioning legislature or constitutional court weakens any judicial check on executive power.

The rival Colleege Presidentiel established by OMLAP RAMICOH APN and other organizations issued no new communique or public action in this 24-hour cycle. The absence of any international endorsement for the Colleege combined with consolidated support for Fils-Aime significantly diminishes its near-term viability. However the Colleege proposed 15-month transition with two commissions remains potential alternative framework if Fils-Aime governance falters or security situation deteriorates. At least five competing political groups were engaged in post-CPT discussions as of early February indicating significant fragmentation among opposition forces.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Haitian interim governments have historically faced legitimacy challenges due to absence of electoral mandate. The 1991-1994 period saw parallel claims to authority. The 2004-2006 interim government under Boniface Alexandre and Gerard Latortue operated with international backing but limited domestic acceptance. Current situation differs in having stronger international consensus but weaker constitutional foundation than previous transitions which retained nominal parliamentary structures.

TALKING POINTS

Kolektif Tet Ansanm pou Ayiti issued February 8 warning against unilateral governance demanding immediate launch of genuine inter-Haitian dialogue.

AlterPresse analysis characterized PM Fils-Aime authority as lacking indispensable popular legitimacy creating political vulnerability.

Lawyer Marc Sony Charles declared current PM decisions unconstitutional and criminal

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infractions signaling domestic legal challenges will recur.

Rival Colleague Presidentiel received no international endorsement and issued no new communique in reporting cycle diminishing near-term viability.

At least five competing political groups engaged in post-CPT discussions indicating significant opposition fragmentation.

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Political actors should monitor whether PM Fils-Aime responds to KTA demand for structured dialogue through public consultation mechanisms.

International observers should track coalition formation among opposition groups particularly around August 30 2026 election timeline.

Legal affairs specialists should assess constitutional basis for interim executive authority and potential judicial challenge pathways.

Civil society organizations should document public participation opportunities in governance decisions to address legitimacy deficit.

Diplomatic missions should establish contact with KTA leadership and other opposition groups to assess consolidation potential and red lines.



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DEVELOPMENT 3: Security Operations Intensification with Urban Clearance Actions

Security force operations are entering new phase of intensity with confirmed gang attacks in peri-urban areas and municipal government launching aggressive urban clearance operations. Metropole Tele reported at least seven killed in gang attack in Nouvelle Touraine Kenscoff with numerous houses burned. Kenscoff Mayor Massillon Jean deplored abandonment of communal sections by police which leaves field open to gangs. This attack demonstrates continued gang expansion into peri-urban areas beyond Port-au-Prince core consistent with territorial probing patterns documented by ACLED and BINUH throughout 2025.

Delmas Mayor Wilson Jeudy announced comprehensive demolition operation against illegal structures on sidewalks beginning February 11 2026. All illegal structures on sidewalks will be demolished without exception with rationale that illegal constructions obstruct traffic endanger public safety and impede urban development. Residents received minimal notice to relocate belongings. A similar operation in Cap-Haitien in January 2026 drew sharp criticism from

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Chamber of Commerce which condemned demolitions carried out without reasonable notice without prior communication of clear and structured plan. Delmas operation will likely trigger protests and economic disruption in one of Port-au-Prince key commercial corridors.

Le Nouvelliste continues to headline security posture with phrase Vers l'intensification des operations et de la puissance de feu des forces de l'ordre. The verb intensifier was confirmed as single-word operational directive from well-placed security source. PNH Grand'Anse department reported 77 arrests between January 1-31 2026 with 48 on warrants and 29 caught in flagrante delicto representing notable enforcement capacity outside capital. Port-au-Prince airport crossroads sub-police station reopened improving security around critical transportation infrastructure. Gang leader Barbecue Cherizier remains dislodged from Delmas 6 stronghold with current location unconfirmed.

Security baseline remains essentially unchanged with gang control of Port-au-Prince estimated at 85-90 percent. Viv Ansanm coalition cohesion remains fractured since December 2025 due to internal disputes over kidnapping policies. The critical gap in international security support continues through April 2026 between MSS drawdown and GSF activation. OAS confirmed GSF deployment timeline with first contingents expected in April 2026 and full deployment targeted for October 2026. Eighteen countries have pledged security forces for GSF consisting of up to 5500 personnel under UNSCR 2793 Chapter VII mandate but key unresolved issues include GSF leadership appointment Special Representative designation and financing mechanisms.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Urban clearance operations in Haiti have historically triggered violent resistance particularly when conducted without consultation or compensation frameworks. The 2005 Cite Soleil operations under MINUSTAH resulted in significant civilian casualties. January 2026 Cap-Haitien demolitions demonstrated continued tension between municipal development objectives and vulnerable population displacement risks. Delmas February 11 operation occurs in commercial zone with higher economic stakes than typical informal settlement clearances.

TALKING POINTS

Kenscoff gang attack killed at least seven civilians with houses burned demonstrating continued territorial expansion beyond Port-au-Prince core.

Delmas Mayor announced February 11 demolition operation targeting illegal sidewalk structures without exception following minimal notice period.

Similar Cap-Haitien operation in January 2026 drew Chamber of Commerce criticism for lack of reasonable notice and clear structured plan.

Le Nouvelliste confirms intensification as operational directive for security forces with increased

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firepower and operational tempo.

Gang control of Port-au-Prince remains at 85-90 percent with Viv Ansanm cohesion fractured since December 2025 internal disputes.

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Business operators in Delmas should prepare for traffic disruption and potential protest activity beginning February 11 through mid-week.

Humanitarian organizations should pre-position displacement response capacity for Delmas operation particularly for street vendors and informal sector workers.

Security analysts should monitor municipal government coordination with PNH for clearance operations to assess civilian protection measures.

Development partners should advocate for structured consultation processes before future urban clearance operations to reduce displacement and economic shock.

International security actors should intensify GSF deployment planning to reduce January through April 2026 gap period vulnerability.



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DEVELOPMENT 4: Macroeconomic Stability and Digital Infrastructure Expansion

Macroeconomic indicators demonstrate remarkable stability through political transition with exchange rate holding firm and digital financial infrastructure expanding. The gourde maintained 130.89 to 131.00 per US dollar in late January through early February 2026 with January 2026 monthly average of 0.007637 representing 0.06 percent year-to-date appreciation against dollar. January trading range of 0.007626 to 0.007643 shows minimal volatility with only 0.22 percent spread indicating no devaluation pressure. January 2026 customs revenue reached 11.853 billion gourdes across 21 operating days representing slight year-over-year increase. Banque de la Republique d'Haiti reserves and diaspora remittance flows appear to provide sufficient liquidity support.

NATCASH announced expanded financial inclusion and digital remittance services on February 9 through partnerships with CamTransfer and Unitransfer enabling diaspora remittances from United States Canada France Mexico and Chile. Platform features advanced security including biometric authentication transaction geolocation and anti-fraud systems with nationwide agent network covering remote areas. NATCASH positioning as leading financial and money transfer

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platform in Caribbean region provides critical infrastructure given traditional banking channels remain constrained by security conditions. Digital remittance infrastructure is operationally significant as diaspora transfers constitute approximately 30 percent or more of Haiti GDP.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry revealed through Quality Control Directorate that 83 percent or more of treated and packaged water samples sold in Port-au-Prince metropolitan area do not fully comply with MCI requirements. Key findings include labeling standards not met by multiple suppliers and physico-chemical analyses showing water almost totally devoid of minerals. MCI pledged enforcement measures but this represents public health concern affecting all operations in PAP metro area. Organizations relying on commercially packaged water should review sourcing and consider independent testing protocols.

TPS termination effective February 3 2026 continues generating major impact with 350000 or more Haitian nationals in United States at risk of deportation. Active deportation flights documented with 132 on February 5 and 136 on February 7 including TPS and Green Card holders with children. Catholic bishops and United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants are calling for reversal. Department of Homeland Security rationale claims Haiti no longer meets statutory requirements which contradicts State Department Level 4 Do Not Travel advisory. NATCASH expansion provides some insulation for remittance continuity but deportation volumes threaten significant reduction in financial flows.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Haitian gourde has demonstrated relative stability during previous political transitions including 2004 and 2016 periods due to remittance inflows and BRH reserve management. Digital financial infrastructure emerged after 2010 earthquake when traditional banking was disrupted. Mobile money platforms including NATCASH MonCash and others now process significant portion of domestic transactions. Water quality issues have been persistent concern since 2010 cholera outbreak with minimal regulatory enforcement capacity.

TALKING POINTS

Gourde exchange rate holding at 130.89 to 131.00 per dollar through political transition with January showing 0.06 percent year-to-date appreciation.

Customs revenue reached 11.853 billion gourdes in January 2026 representing slight year-over-year increase indicating continued trade activity.

NATCASH digital remittance platform expanded partnerships enabling transfers from US Canada France Mexico Chile with biometric security features.

Ministry of Commerce found 83 percent of packaged water in Port-au-Prince fails quality standards creating public health risk for operations.

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TPS termination threatens 350000 Haitian nationals in US with active deportation flights averaging 130 plus per cycle since February 3.

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

Financial institutions should maintain current exchange rate forecasts with expectation of continued stability through Q1 2026 barring security deterioration.

Business operations should diversify water sourcing and implement independent testing protocols given MCI findings on packaged water quality.

Organizations with Haitian staff in United States should provide legal support resources and document potential operational impacts of deportations.

Remittance-dependent programming should develop contingency plans for potential 10 to 20 percent reduction in diaspora transfers if deportations accelerate.

Private sector actors should engage NATCASH and similar platforms for payment infrastructure given traditional banking channel constraints.



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WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS

Monitor PM Fils-Aime for publication of governance decrees in Le Moniteur establishing legal framework for interim executive authority or cabinet appointments. Delmas demolition operation begins February 11 with potential for protests economic disruption and tension in commercial corridor. Colleague Presidentiel may issue CPR-002 communique or hold public events to maintain political relevance against international consensus favoring PM. Security operations tempo expected to remain elevated following Le Nouvelliste intensification signal with increased risk of civilian casualties.

THIS WEEK

ULCC 30-day asset declaration deadline approaching March 9 for former CPT members with prosecution trigger for non-compliance. GSF Special Representative Jack Christofides expected to assume post in Haiti this month with first statements signaling operational priorities and coordination mechanisms. CPJ monitoring whether PM Fils-Aime addresses or enforces January

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16 criminal defamation decree affecting media freedom. Dame-Marie health emergency declared by ANTRAX organization in Grand'Anse warrants monitoring for escalation given limited healthcare infrastructure. OAS structured consultation framework implementation will signal whether PM responds to domestic legitimacy concerns.

STRATEGIC HORIZON

August 30 2026 election date serves as critical decision point with electoral preparations timeline compressed and CEP operational capacity uncertain. GSF deployment timeline targets April 2026 first contingents and October 2026 full deployment creating sustained security gap through spring. USCG ISPS port compliance deadline approaching in February through March 2026 with potential trade restrictions if Haitian seaports fail certification. Domestic opposition coalition formation around legitimacy deficit narrative will accelerate as election campaign period approaches. International community coordination sustainability depends on visible progress on security and electoral preparation benchmarks within 60 to 90 day window.

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