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## **Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) Urges Guyana's Return to Democracy & Rule of Law**

**The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)** joins with international, regional and Guyanese organizations, groups and associations in urging Guyana's return to democratic governance and rule of law following the bipartisan recount of votes cast, symbolic of free and fair elections in Guyana and reflecting the will of the people of Guyana to freely choose their elected representatives.

Simultaneously, **IDC** also unequivocally condemns all acts of election manipulations and delays, as well as deliberate intimidation, threats and harassment.

**IDC** commends the joint and separate statements of members of United States Congress and the United States Department of State, as well as several statements by international observers among other prominent officials, expressing concerns about allegations of inaccurate counts and premature or inaccurate announcement in violation of the election protocols and procedures.

**IDC** urges the Government of Guyana and the Guyana Elections Commission (**GECOM**) to respect Guyana's elections rules which embody the will of the citizens of Guyana, and to be fully transparent in timely announcement of accurate elections results. This would engender confidence and trust in the elections and its results at a time when good and transparent governance is required.

The citizens of Guyana deserve elections which are free from partisan influence, manipulation and control, transparent in conduct and in compliance with its elections rules. Neither the international community nor history would not favourably view elections irregularities and manipulated results to suit one or the other, considering the importance to Guyana and geo-economics of its newfound petroleum resources.

**IDC** supports the shared sentiments of Guyanese in and outside of Guyana who envision a Guyana using its existing and newfound natural resources as well as human resources with committed, selfless leadership to foster a progressive, new Guyana which can easily surpass many countries with significant achievements in many areas of endeavor. And as well, make all Guyanese to feel proud that its statesmen can rise to the occasion and lead the nation with a shared destiny of prosperity, progressiveness in many fields, and respect for each other.

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*The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)**, established in 1997 and headquartered in New York, USA, is an international non-profit, non-political and secular organization with global affiliates, chapters and membership in 21 countries, with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*