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Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 5:25 PM
To: H
Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/25

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We have folks not observing 24 hours

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 05:22 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/25

What can we do to help?

From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 12:15 PM
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Subject: Fw: CTV Update: 3/25

From: Louis, Pierre A
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Kazemi, Shamim; Adams, Thomas C; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Kujawinski, Peter I; Mcdonald, Kara C
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Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/25

In a phonecon minutes ago, [redacted]

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Shamim an I will attend a 1 PM press conference at which [redacted] the CTV managers are expected to answer questions.
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Sent: Sat Mar 26 06:38:14 2011
Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/25

Thank you

What is our own sense of what should be done?

From: Kazemi, Shamim
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 05:07 PM
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Today's highlights:

- CEP spokesperson held a press conference today at the CTV: no information unknown to us was presented, but it was a positive step towards having more transparency for the public

- one possible concern given the current backlog is that results would not be ready by march 31, unless one of 2 things happen:

1. the threshold is raised to reduce the number of PVs needing legal review
2. the legal unit's review capacity is increased. Given the lawyers are already working at high capacity, the only way to do this is by having more lawyers.

We understand meetings were held at the CEP today to find ways of addressing this issue.

-we have observed differences in the quality and efficiency of the lawyers' review. Some are faster and more thorough than others. Overall, all are getting tired and it is being noticed in their work.

Best,
SK

From: Louis, Pierre A
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 06:44 PM
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Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/24

CTV highlights:

+CTV received and catalogued all but 2-3% each of the three categories of PVs;

+CTV processed 34.19% of presidential; 24.02% of Senatorial; and 35.53% of Chamber od Deputies PVs;

+Opting for a higher rate of attorney examination of PVs, the remaining lot awaits review, causing a considerable backlog of about 16,000 PVs (see CEP website under CTV, "Progres de la Tabulation for latest figures, as of 1536 hrs, local time);

+At current rate - attorneys process about 800 PVs daily - the attorneys must ramp up review to make March 31 deadline for preliminary results;

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+We observed the attorneys thoroughly reviewing PVs, taking about 5 minutes to review legislative PVs, typically without the partial electoral lists, which are appended to the presidential PVs whose review take about 6-7 minutes, as the attorneys check the national identification numbers using bar code scanners;

+In order to increase production, logically, the attorneys will have to spend less time on each PV, perhaps at the expense of quality;

+We will watch closely whether attorneys maintain quality as they increase production;



Cheers!
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Sent: Wed Mar 23 17:14:43 2011
Subject: Re: CTV Update: 3/23 - Corrigendum

- nearly all PVs have been received.
- the backlog of PVs continues at the legal unit. The PVs are reviewed by 6-8 lawyers per shift.
- the CTV will remain open 24hrs a day as long as needed to accommodate for the legal review process. CTV leadership is monitoring this review closely. We, as well as other observers, also have been watching this process closely.
- we requested, with other observers, daily briefings to be held by CTV leadership, as stipulated in CTV procedures. The first briefing is expected to occur tomorrow.

Best,
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Any update?

Best.
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From: Louis, Pierre A
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 6:58 PM
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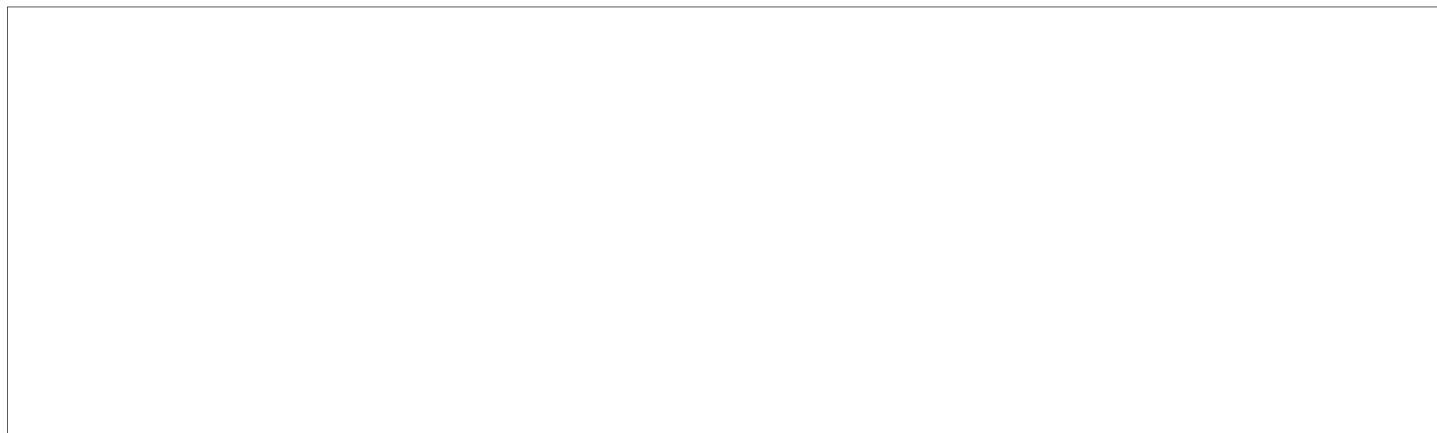
First para should read 3/21, the first day of tabulation. Not 3/20.

Mea culpa, and sincere excuses!
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+Overnight, the CTV began processing PVs based on a threshold established for the 1,000 PV test Shamim mentioned in his last update on 3/20; 1.4(D)



+Progress reports will be posted on the CEP web site, under VTC, every 6 hours;

+Note that CTV management does not intend to divulge the threshold used to accept/reject PVs;

+The higher rejection rate of a low threshold has increased the attorneys' work load, though we observed what appeared to be focused examination by the attorneys. Of course, thus, there is considerable backlog of PVs for attorney examination.

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Sent: Mon Mar 21 15:48:29 2011

Subject: CTV Update: 3/21

Here are the main updates for today:

- The CTV opened at 6am, but started processing PVs in the early afternoon. Initial tests were run in the morning to adjust the threshold number of votes used for referring a PV to the legal unit. This adjustment was necessary because the initial threshold, based on first round turn-out, was too strict and quarantined 80% of the PVs. The new number was determined based on how many of the initially quarantined PVs were deemed valid by the legal unit after review. (Note: Observers have not been informed of the thresholds used.)
- Each department will have a threshold number that can be adjusted over time as more data becomes available on voter turn-out. This is in contrast to the first round when the threshold number was fixed and used for all departments. The database will automatically refer any PV to the legal control unit based on this threshold number.
- We were pleased with the diligence of the lawyers and the smoothness of the process thus far. In addition, OAS observers and CTV staff indicated to us that the CTV was much more organized this round. Their impressions were that key deficiencies in the process had been addressed.
- Progress reports will be posted daily on the CEP website and daily briefings will be held with CTV leadership.

Best,
SK