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## **Haiti: Elections To Take Place Before September**

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On May 9 in an interview with the Agence France-Presse, interim President Ertha Pascal-Trouillot said general elections in Haiti should take place no later than next September. She said she had an excellent relationship with the army, which recently expressed its support for the electoral process. Pascal-Trouillot emphasized the need to combat "the institutionalized corruption affecting the civil service." "If we want a prosperous nation we must end all these destabilizing factors like smuggling and squandering of public funds," she said adding that "all government coffers are empty." Another major task for her government, said the president, was to "bring the cost of living down." In the past three months, consumer prices have increased by 20%. (Basic data from AFP, 05/09/90)

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