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## TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

The Editor  
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Dear Editor,

### **ELECTIONS 2014**

A writer in this column on elections issues ( FT 25 May) is of the view that the solution arrived at by the Bainimarama government after long discussion and deliberation is the best for all concerned. If the writer is referring to elections in September 2014 as part of the solution I would agree but seriously there are universal best practices to follow ; setting up an interim administration by April 2014, six months before the planned elections in September, will ensure independence.

An independent Reference Group of constitutional experts, academics, private sector and representatives from citizenry might now be appointed to look into the submissions, petitions and position papers received on the government draft. This is so vital to ensure transparency as we enter the final phases of drafting the constitution.  
Yours sincerely

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