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#### **Nauru President determined to avoid another deadlock**

Nauru's President, Marcus Stephen says he'll keep the new Parliament in recess rather than adjourn it after the House was unable to elect a Speaker this afternoon.

After the swearing in of Members, including new member Milton Dube, two nominations for Speaker were put forward, one from each side, but both declined.

It is still unclear whether Milton Dube will support the government, and provide it with the majority it needs, or side with the Opposition to create another deadlock.

President Stephen said he and his government were continuing to talk with some other Opposition Members, who are also anxious not to see another stalemate.

“I am determined to have this situation resolved as soon as possible. The new member, Milton Dube has two clear options. Either he joins with us to keep the country moving forward, or he sides with the Opposition and creates another stalemate. I intend to keep the parliament in recess until we resolve this, rather than simply adjourn until Thursday, which is the usual process.”

The President also said that there were other Members of the Opposition who were showing clear signs of wanting a satisfactory resolve and talks were continuing with those members.

He said it was clear from the election result that his government had the support of the people.

“The majority of our members recorded significant increases in their personal vote and the Opposition lost one of its members. That result speaks for itself.”

The Parliament is expected to reconvene later this evening.

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