



Resolution on the continuing repression in Nicaragua

CDI-IDC continues to follow the most recent news from Nicaragua with great concern. It is especially concerned by the ceaseless and cruel repression against Nicaraguan population by the Ortega government. The violent and bloody “Operation Cleanup” executed in July against protesting citizens left dozens dead. As well as kidnapping and torturing prisoners, the impossibility to protest and media harassment continues. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights estimates a 300 death count casualties since April and the number of prisoners is already over 500.

Hence, CDI-IDC:

- Condemns the loss of all human lives resulting from the severe reprisals by the government of Daniel Ortega. Sends a message of sincere condolence to their families and to the entire population of Nicaragua.
- Reiterates its previous resolutions calling on the Public Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to urgently investigate these facts and to propose punishment for the perpetrators.
- Once again, demands that the government of President Ortega put a stop to these abuses and to cease curtailing the freedom of expression and the sovereignty of the people.
- Demands once again to the Government of Ortega to stop the repression and prosecution, and to respect the freedom of expression and people’s sovereignty.
- Appeals to the International Community and in particular, PARLACEN, OAS and EU to join hands in together demanding a halt to these hostile actions by the government and to promote a transparent return to democratic and constitutional guarantees as well as in particular to call for free and anticipated elections; to prepare a list of sanctions to be taken against the government of Ortega; to promote the establishment of an international commission to mediate between the parties, and to take the lead in issuing a denunciation before the International Criminal Court.
- Supports the draft resolution issued by the Organization of American States (OAS), in particular the resolutions of the Permanent Council and efforts of the Working Group composed by 12 of these countries.
- Draws attention to the unceasing demands of the Catholic Church which, in accordance with its exemplary efforts in the past, is persevering to respect the peaceful expression of the citizens who, in spite of all these attacks, are still clamouring for a national dialogue in which the Bishops conference must continue to play a witness and mediation role.

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