

Resolution on Nicaragua

An important Resolution was approved in the European Parliament on December 18, 2019, with 560 votes in favour and just over 20 votes against, to sanction the government of Daniel Ortega for its lack of willingness to resume the necessary and committed dialogue with the opposition, and for carrying out a broad and brutal repression of civil society, with a significant and troubling death toll of more than 350 people, of which the authorities should be ashamed, plus 2,000 wounded and tortured by the crackdown, in addition to the more than 80,000 Nicaraguans who have already fled the country in fear. The decision accompanying this text is also significant, whereby the European Commission has been called on to trigger the democratic clauses in the EU-Central America Association Agreement to suspend Nicaragua from this alliance.

Since the IDC-CDI has the legitimacy to take international decisions aimed at restoring full Rights, Peace and Guarantees to any people, we hereby resolve:

1).- To lend our full support to the decision taken by the European Parliament, and in particular the just and logical decision to sanction a government's repression and execution of its own people.

2).- To categorically demand, in line with the aforesaid European Parliament resolution, that the Government of Nicaragua:

1.- Grant the full and unconditional release of Political Prisoners.

2.- Dismantle all Paramilitary Forces operating in the country.

3.- Open ongoing dialogue between the government and the opposition Civic Alliance in order to find a political solution to the crisis.

4.- Accept the guidelines and reports of the OAS Special Commission, for the monitoring of political and social repression in the country.

5.- Allow the International Organisations expelled from the country to enter, particularly the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

6.- As a consequence of the proposed dialogue between government and civil society, establish a free and transparent electoral process, with room for all political voices, with the unrestricted presence of international observers and notaries. Furthermore, it must not influence or interfere with the decisions and independent guidelines of the Supreme Electoral Council, which must be completely reformed.

7.- That all political and civil freedoms are restored, especially those that have been curtailed by the Amnesty Law.

3).- To call on the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute, as a matter of urgency, the acts denounced in the aforesaid European Parliament Resolution.

4).- To call the government of Nicaragua to implement the electoral reform announced by 2020 in the frame of an agreement among the civil society of Nicaragua in order to facilitate free, transparent and competitive elections with the presence of international observers.

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