



Resolution on the democratic legitimacy of Colombia

Throughout 2019, the legitimate and democratically elected governments of Latin America have suffered heavy attacks from various political and social groups, seeking to destabilise and disrupt the popular mandates on which they were elected.

Colombia has a great democratic tradition and its governments is subject to unprecedented social and political pressure. Violent and unlawful actions by the radical left, which are destabilising and contrary to public decency, seek to fragment society, collapse public order and force structural changes that would harm the population as a whole.

Colombia's respect for democracy allows for the demands of their citizens to be demonstrated peacefully and for the expression of their universal and inalienable right to protest. In keeping with the law and their respect for their institutions, they have been listened to and their demands have been accepted by their government. As a result, the Colombian government has generated a space for dialogue and national consensus conducive to immediate measures, where all political and social groups have been invited to express their voice, always within the constitutional framework.

It is thus necessary to appeal to the Political Parties, as the main channel of communication between citizens and the State, to restructure themselves in order to find a dynamic way forward for the 21st century, without abandoning our essential character, to face an accelerating world that lives in the instant present, populated by a soaring number of apolitical citizens.

We as Political Parties must not only concern ourselves with making democracy work; but must also strive to making democracy work well and better every day. As guarantors of the process of democratic participation and representation, we hold primary responsibility for ensuring that our communities embrace as many ideas and citizens as possible, in order to negotiate the challenges facing our political systems.



The IDC-CDI:

- Recognises the legitimacy of the government of Colombia as democratically elected to represent its citizens.
- Believes that the spaces for dialogue and consensus that the government of Colombia has created will soon produce a solution to the current social disorder.
- Is concerned by the presence of destabilising and violent groups of the radical left that seek to fragment Colombian society in order to disrupt the popular mandates on which their respective governments were elected.

Therefore the IDC-CDI:

- Vehemently condemns the radical left's use of violence and unlawful actions that have the fruitless aim of destabilising and subjugating the legitimate and democratic government of Colombia.
- Rejects any notion that governments in Latin America may be creating an environment conducive to the actions of these radical left groups, undermining the principles of solidarity and good neighbourly relations among American States enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS).
- Calls on the international community to stand with and support the governments of Iván Duque.
- Will Promote the strengthening of democratic institutions, including political parties. It is our mission to continue building efforts among members that allow us to establish the necessary measures and policies to build a stable and solid democracy and institutions.

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