



## **Resolution on solidarity with El Salvador**

The IDC-CDI wishes to express its heartfelt condolences to the Salvadoran families who have lost loved ones in this pandemic due to COVID-19 and we stand in solidarity with those suffering from the disease and its economic effects.

We are grateful to the doctors and all the workers who, on the front line, continue to provide essential services to citizens in El Salvador and around the world.

We are seeing that the challenges to societies, as an effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, go beyond public health, as the disruption of global production and supply chains has put millions of people, especially those in developing countries, in financial difficulty.

These challenges must be met by states with a united approach. In this regard, we urge the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of El Salvador to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue so that each may fulfil, without interference, their functions as established in the Constitution of the Republic.

We encourage the institutions of the Salvadoran State to set aside differences and disagreements, since the spread of COVID-19 can only be contained through the cooperation and solidarity of all, within the framework of respect for the rule of law and human rights. Therefore, the Executive Branch should not use this pandemic for electoral purposes.

In this crisis, all voices are important and must build social harmony, emotional stability and confidence in a hopeful future, as the Christian Democratic Organization of America (ODCA) pointed out in a communiqué to El Salvador on April 21, 2020.

At the IDC-CDI, we shall continue to observe the management of this health crisis in El Salvador, and we hereby send an embrace of solidarity to the Salvadorans, to our brothers and sisters from the Christian Democratic Party (PDC).

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