

Resolution on international concern over the continuing democratic decline and the status of political prisoners in Nicaragua

The IDC – CDI is carefully examining the deplorable data on Nicaragua detailed in international reports, which qualify the country's political and social crisis as ongoing since 2018 and which threatens the solvency and stability of international democracy. Special attention is being paid to the data issued by US authorities which consider Nicaragua to be a threat to this neighboring North American nation. Of similar relevance is the resolution on Nicaragua issued by the European Parliament in September of 2018, condemning the increased repression of the Catholic church, regime resisters, civil society, human rights defenders, journalists, students, etc.

The IDC – CDI renews its conviction that in view of this deteriorating situation of democracy in Nicaragua, and the situation of prisoners, and in light of this:

1– The IDC-CDI demands that urgent attention be paid to the requests of relatives of approximately one hundred opponents imprisoned in Nicaragua, in response to an emergency call for the total lack of information on these relatives, for 90 days.

3- The IDC – CDI demands that the government of Daniel Ortega:

A.- Order the cessation of violent response by the law forces in response to legitimate protests by Nicaraguan citizens,

B.- Order the halt of the ongoing systematic dismantling and weakening of democratic institutions and the rule of law, and especially, to permit the free expression of the press.

C.- Visibly and effectively condemn the permissibility of extreme corruption resulting in the destabilization of the economy. Failure to do so would make the government complicit in this situation.

D.- Respond unconditionally to the orderly complaints of civil society.

E.- Release political prisoners whose proceedings are pending beyond the minimum period required to guarantee their treatment in accordance with International Law and the guarantee of the application of all human rights. In this sense, the IDC - CDI URGES And SUPPORTS the immediate implementation of the decision and request of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, such that the State of Nicaragua must release imprisoned opponents, based on misconduct in legal proceedings and the violations of the detainees' rights.

F. To immediately release Bishop Rolando Alvarez and the imprisoned priests, being unjustly held for demonstrating for their fundamental rights to the freedom of expression.