



Resolution on the current situation in Colombia

The IDC-CDI expresses its deep concern over the future of democracy in Colombia, a nation which, until now, boasted one of the most solid and long-lasting democratic systems of Latin America.

The current government, which is clearly leftist, is making an alarming demonstration of its intent to shift the country to a rigid, populist system, inspired by Marxist doctrines that have ruined other Latin American countries, suppressing the fundamental freedoms and rights of their people.

Over recent months, the government has paralyzed mandatory cocaine crop eradication programs, resulting in an unprecedented increase in the areas used to cultivate this deadly product. At the same time, it is negotiating with drug lords to reach agreements permitting the legalization of their fortunes and subjecting them to fictitious sanctions that are little more than dressed-up displays of impunity. Furthermore, legal landowners are being threatened with the loss of their property due to expedited and summary proceedings that violate the fundamental rights to private property and due process as recognized by the Constitution.

The threat of violence exists if the Colombian Congress and Constitutional Court do not clear the way for an economic and social reform plan promoted by the government. The country's population emphatically rejects this reform which threatens their freedoms, health systems, pension plans and labour laws. Meanwhile, the unexplained removal of dozens of generals of the armed forces and national police force has strongly affected the moral of troops and national security forces, while simultaneously increasing insecurity across the country. And in rural areas, armed militia groups are growing under the state's complacency and even encouragement.

The political parties forming the IDC-CDI will be attentive and vigilant and, if necessary, they will close ranks to defend Colombia's democracy. Its cause is our cause. We stand with the democrats of Colombia.

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