

Resolution on the current situation in Mexico

The Centrist Democrat International (CDI) expresses its concern over the current situation in Mexico with its increasingly undemocratic government:

1.- Mexican President Lopez Obrador uses his morning platform, known as the “morning conference” to slander anyone thinking differently from him, including opinion leaders and journalists, denouncing them, and even publishing their addresses or alleged incomes. All of this has generated a polarization of Mexican society.

2.- The Mexican government has attempted to destroy the country’s main democratic institutions such as the National Electoral Institute, our electoral arbitrator, the National Institute of Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection and the National Human Rights Commission, among many other entities that ensure state autonomy.

3.- The Mexican president had made direct attacks on the ministers of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN), who have been kept on the margins of the law, to ensure that certain issues are resolved as he wishes, in an unconstitutional and illegal manner. It is the first time in Mexico’s history that its head of state has harassed the judiciary branch in this way.

4.- On the other hand, social programs, regardless of their potential benefit, are used for electoral purposes.

5.- As occurring in other countries of the region, the military is gaining excessive power, and the Ministry of National Defence is one of the main state contractors. Lopez Obrador has handed over control of customs, ports, and airports to the armed forces. These were previously under civilian control.

6.- We are requesting follow-up of the upcoming Mexican electoral process which will take place on 2 June 2024, since it will be the most important election in the country’s history given the number of seats to be determined, including the president, 128 senators, 500 regional deputies, and over 19,000 local representatives.