



## **The IDC-CDI rejects the political persecution of opposition leader in Colombia**

The IDC-CDI, as an international inter-party organization that defends democratic values as fundamental pillars of the rule of law:

Attentively observes and firmly rejects the political persecution, threats and censorship of which the former President of Colombia, Andrés Pastrana, has been victim, as opposition leader, by Gustavo Petro, President of Colombia.

Reaffirms the need to expressly and publicly condemn political persecution through the judicial courts, a phenomenon that has become known as the judicialization of politics, which transgresses the fundamental pillars of democracy and the rule of law.

It expresses its enormous concern regarding violations of the rights to freedom of thought and expression, the right to honor and dignity and political rights, protected by the American Convention on Human Rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Constitution of Colombia.

Reiterates that it will closely follow the serious events in which political rights are being intimidated and violated and the Colombian justice system is being used against former President Andrés Pastrana, as leader of the Colombian opposition, and will request, if necessary, all protocols and instruments of international law, as well as precautionary measures, with the objective of safeguarding democracy in Colombia and guaranteeing due process in the investigations being carried out into the alleged links between the president of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, and organized criminal structures linked to drug trafficking.

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