

## **Resolution on the current situation and the upcoming electoral process in Mexico**

The Centrist Democratic International (IDC-CDI) expresses its concern over the poor performance of the President of Mexico, his authoritarianism, lack of respect for the laws and the Constitution, and the absence of a security strategy that is worrying in view of the general elections on 2 June. In this regard, the following is noted:

1. His "poor first" slogan of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador is a farce. This policy is far from being a priority for the president of Mexico and during this administration the poor have been the most vulnerable in terms of health, unemployment and insecurity.
2. The president tries to deceive the population by pointing out that poverty has decreased in the country, but forgets to mention that more than 10 million Mexicans have returned to extreme poverty.
3. During this six-year term, women have been abandoned by the government, which has had a significant social impact. Valuable social and protection programs for this sector have been cancelled, such as health programs, full-time schools for the children of working mothers, and shelters for women victims of violence, to name a few.
4. The president's emblematic works to which a large number of public resources have been allocated, such as the Mayan Train, the Dos Bocas refinery and the Felipe Ángeles International Airport, are synonymous with ecocide, corruption and pollution. These plans simply do not work and have caused unimaginable damage to the environment, society and the national economy.
5. One of the most worrisome issues is that of violence and insecurity because in the absence of an effective strategy, this six-year term has already been described as the most violent in the history of Mexico. In this regard, the following is mentioned:
  - a) During the administration of Andrés Manuel López Obrador, more than 171,000 homicides have been registered.
  - b) Mexico is one of the most dangerous countries in the world to practice journalism outside of war zones and is at the forefront of attacks against the press. During 2023, 561 of these attacks were recorded, which translates into a journalist or media outlet being attacked every 16 hours in the country for carrying out their work.
  - c) Cases of disappearance in Mexico are a growing humanitarian crisis, and the federal government is making up the numbers. During this six-year term, one person disappears every hour and according to figures, the number of disappeared people went from 35,000 to 114,000 during this six-year term. The level of impunity for this crime is almost 100 per cent.
  - d) At least 11 women are murdered every day simply because they are women.



6. Mexicans are called to the polls to elect more than 20,000 positions, including the Presidency of the Republic, 500 deputies, 128 senators, 8 governorships, 1,786 municipal presidencies, 1,975 syndicates, 14,219 aldermen, and 1,098 local deputies, among others, in what will be the largest general elections in its history.

7. It is worrisome that the participation of organized crime has permeated in such a way that 29 candidates from all political parties have been murdered – as of April 2, 2024 – and 76 more people linked to the electoral process, so the figure is expected to be higher than the 2021 midterm elections.

8. For this reason, from the PAN we call for the participation of electoral observers because we are facing a state election in which the collaboration of the international community will be essential to help us maintain the transparency of the electoral process or to point out any illegal act that could occur at the polls on election day.