



DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

The Presidential elections in Mexico

In recent times, institutional life in Mexico has undergone a grave deterioration of its democratic norms. In the electoral field, the local voting processes of 2016 and 2017 were tarnished by governmental interference by means of illegal and antidemocratic means.

On July 1st, the greatest and most complex election in the history of Mexico took place. Both the Executive Power as well as the total Federal Legislative Power were up for replacement. Elections took place in 31 of the 32 states where 9 governors, 19 local parliaments and more than 1,200 city councilors were elected. In total, more than 3,000 electoral offices were at stake.

Because of interference by the Federal Government, the normalcy and legitimacy of the electoral process was gravely jeopardized, in particular by the misuse of the Attorney General 's Office of the Republic and by the political persecution against Ricardo Anaya, presidential candidate of the Mexico al Frente coalition, eventually leading to him being put on trial without any fundamental reason as well as manipulating the elections to deviate power. Through different official dependencies and especially by means of the Attorney General's Office, the Government of the Republic has put private and personal information in the hands of official institutions with the aim of using these politically by discrediting the candidate of the National Action Party (PAN) in the mass media, without any official investigation and without pronouncing any sentence whatsoever.

In addition to this weakening of the entire electoral scenario, there have been the unjustified dismissal of the prosecutor specialized in electoral crimes; the absence of the Attorney-general and a lack of will to complete and implement the constitutional reform foreseeing an autonomous and independent Public Prosecutor. In addition, there has been a climate of violence against political actors in which there were more than 400 cases of political aggression against candidates and politicians since September 2017, including 113 assassinations.

In view of the above, the Centrist Democrat International (CDI-IDC):

- a) Manifests its preoccupation about the grave irregularities affecting the Mexican electoral process by the proliferation of antidemocratic means, aggravated by the violation of political and social rights of the candidates and leaders of the opposition;
- b) Declares its high concern about respecting the unrestricted democratic principles in the July 1st election;
- c) Expresses its preoccupation by the escalating political violence under which the people of Mexico are suffering and which are tarnishing the elections in the country;
- d) Stresses its solidarity with the work by international electoral observers and remains alert to their conclusions in the interest of democracy in Mexico.