



Resolution on the political situation in Mexico

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) expresses its deep concern about the process of concentration of power taking place in Mexico.

In recent months, we have witnessed how Mexico's federal government, led by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, has weakened the institutions and the separation of powers that is indispensable in any democracy and has polarised public opinion, creating a climate that is not conducive to a healthy democracy.

During his first year of government, President López Obrador has sought to colonise the judicial branch with his staunch supporters, undermining its independence from the executive branch. He has also systematically harassed Mexico's autonomous constitutional bodies, whose budget he has reduced considerably in order to weaken them, and has sought to capture them by appointing figures close to his government, running counter to their autonomous status.

Particularly alarming was the imposition, by means of legislative fraud, of a ruling party loyalist as chair of the National Human Rights Commission, an autonomous body responsible for protecting people from abuse by state officials.

President López Obrador broadcasts a daily discourse full of hate, verbal violence and social division in his morning press conferences, denigrating anyone who disagrees with his decisions, including the media. This poses an enormous threat to freedom of expression and a risk to democracy.

In this context, the National Action Party (PAN) should be recognised as the main political opposition force. Since it was founded in 1939, PAN has fought against authoritarianism, which is once again damaging Mexican democracy today.

As members of IDC-CDI, we express our solidarity with PAN, and with the Mexican people, in full adherence to its principles democracy and Christian humanism, while at the same time sincerely hoping that the rule of law, democracy, freedom and human rights will be respected in Mexico.

Finally, IDC-CDI respectfully calls on the Organization of American States and the European Union to monitor the Mexican Government closely, with a particular emphasis on all actions that pose a risk to democracy or to freedom.

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