

Resolution on the current situation in Mexico

The Centrist Democrat International once again expresses its concern about the current situation in Mexico in light of the government's poor handling of the pandemic, which has resulted in a health, economic and social crisis.

Mexico has already become the third country with the most deaths from COVID-19. Figures from Johns Hopkins University indicate that to date, there have been approximately 168,432¹ deaths. However, at a national level, the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), an autonomous constitutional body, reported that in the period from January to August 2020, deaths from the coronavirus were 68.7% higher than the figures reported by the Ministry of Health. On top of this comes Bloomberg's monthly report, in which out of 53 countries analysed, Mexico comes in in last place, and the ranking of the Lowy Institute, which places Mexico in second-last place, based on various indicators. These include the number of cases, the percentage of positive tests, deaths per million people, the percentage of access to vaccines or the number of inoculations undertaken. In all areas, it obtained the lowest scores. In Mexico, the death rate is already 8.6% per 100 people infected.

It is therefore unfortunate that in such a situation, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has already been infected himself with the virus, continues to publicly refuse to use masks, despite being one of the most timely recommendations by health authorities worldwide. We are witnessing that in countries with populist governments, the pandemic situation has been neglected, compromising the health, economy, security and psychological stability of their inhabitants.

We are also concerned about what has already proven to be a failed national vaccination strategy, in which there have been cases of corruption and it is presumed that it will be used for electoral purposes to benefit the ruling party in the upcoming mid-term elections to be held on 6 June in Mexico.

Lastly, the Centrist Democrat International calls on all the parties within this International Organisation to point out the danger faced by another Latin American country in the hands of populism.

¹ According to Johns Hopkins University at 9pm on February 9, 2021.