



## NICARAGUA

*Resolution tabled by Partido Conservador of Nicaragua at the IDU Executive Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Washington DC, USA*

The International Democrat Union (IDU) continues to be deeply worried that the social, political and economic crisis in Nicaragua is worsening, twenty months after the rebellion of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. According to the Inter-American Human Rights Commission (IAHRC), the repression of the regime has produced 328 dead, more than 2,000 injured, more than 150 people are held as political prisoners and tens of thousands of refugees.

Therefore, the IDU:

**DEMANDS** the end of repression of the government through its security and police forces against the civil population and full respect for freedoms of expression, of assembly and protest.

**SUPPORTS** the Report of the High-Level Commission on Nicaragua of the Organization of American States (OAS), that concludes, among other points:

1. That Nicaragua is experiencing a critical human rights situation that urgently demands the attention of the Inter-American community and the world at large.
2. That the control and subordination mechanisms that the government of Nicaragua has been developing with respect to other branches of government, make the democratic functioning of the country impossible, thus making it a co-opted state that is incompatible with the rule of law.
3. That to reestablish the democratic system in the country, institutional reforms are indispensable and urgent, starting with a comprehensive reform of the electoral system to allow the holding of free, fair and transparent elections in the country in accordance with Inter-American standards.
4. The lack of freedom in the country has become desperate, creating a critical situation with regards to civil and political liberties, which must be re-established in order to restore the rule of law in the country. The restoration of freedom is a matter of urgency, and the High-Level Commission calls on the state of Nicaragua to act accordingly, particularly with respect to the freedom of expression, of assembly, and of demonstration and the right of protest.

**RECOGNIZES** the unity among opposition parties including Partido Conservador (PC) and encourages them to conclude it promptly with a unified opposition with the objective to restore freedom and democratic rule in Nicaragua, through free, fair and transparent elections, fully observed by the international community.