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The political and humanitarian crisis in Nicaragua has reached highly alarming levels that should concern the international community and the progressive democratic forces of the world, particularly in Latin America.

The political repression of Daniel Ortega's dictatorship continues to be executed indiscriminately. In recent weeks it has focused on the harassment and imprisonment of priests and a bishop of the Catholic Church, against civil society organizations and independent media.

One bishop, Monsignor Rolando Alvarez, is in fact in jail without any judicial figure to justify it, ten priests are in prison and to date more than 1800 non-governmental organizations have been outlawed. Fifty-one media outlets of all types and 16 news spaces have been closed.

In the month of August 2022 alone, the dictatorship ordered the closure of 23 Catholic Church media outlets, community radio stations and small television stations.

The police state is maintained and Nicaraguans are subjected to an atmosphere of terror established by the dictatorship through the control of state institutions, especially the judicial apparatus and the police, which act as the main enforcers of dictatorial repression.

Meanwhile, the total number of political prisoners exceeds 205. Among them 14 leaders and activists of the Unamos party, including 6 national directors and its president Suyen Barahona. Hugo Torres, vice-president, died in prison in February.

As has been systematically denounced, all political prisoners are being subjected to physical and psychological torture, which was confirmed in recent days when, after more than 400 days, 27 of them were presented. Their physical deterioration and the risk to their lives is palpable. In particular the women leaders of Unamos, Suyen Barahona, Ana Margarita Vijil, Tamara Dávila and Dora María Téllez, are in a state of isolation and their lives are at real risk.

In view of the current situation in Nicaragua and its worsening:

We continue to demand an end to the repression in Nicaragua.



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We denounce before the international community the dictatorship of Daniel de Ortega, which has destroyed all democratic standards, violated all norms of coexistence and has violated the human rights of Nicaraguans.

We call on the governments of the region, the Organization of American States (OAS), European governments, the European Union and the United Nations General Secretariat to immediately implement the appropriate diplomatic and political measures in view of the magnitude of the humanitarian and political drama that Nicaragua is experiencing, in order to make the Ortega regime to open the possibility of a democratic solution.

We call on all democratic and progressive organizations to implement immediate actions aimed at achieving the cessation of torture of all political prisoners and their unconditional and guaranteed freedom.

We reiterate our firm solidarity with the people of Nicaragua and in particular with all democratic forces.

Life and freedom to all political prisoners!

Stop the repression of the Ortega dictatorship!

The people of Nicaragua have the right to democracy, justice and peace!