

DECLARATION ON NICARAGUA

In Nicaragua, following the reform of the Constitution that came into force last February, absolute power has been consolidated in the hands of the Ortega and Murillo dictatorship. The powers of the State have been reduced to mere “organs” subordinate to Daniel Ortega and his wife, Rosario Murillo, who now occupy the “co-presidency”.

The violation of fundamental freedoms, the removal of the ban on torture and the legalization of the stripping of nationality are just some of the new provisions in the Constitution, designed to serve the couple in power.

The concentration of power in a single family, comparable to an absolute monarchy, not only represents a serious constitutional setback for Nicaragua, but also poses a serious risk to regional stability. The current government's connections with authoritarian regimes outside the region threaten security and democracy in the area.

The repression has not ceased since April 2018, when the Nicaraguan people rose peacefully in the streets demanding democracy, justice and freedom.

Over the last seven years, various reports from organizations, including the most recent from the United Nations Group of Experts on Human Rights in Nicaragua (GHREN), have extensively documented cases of arbitrary detentions, torture, forced disappearances, extrajudicial executions and the criminalization of political dissent.

Currently, more than 52 people remain imprisoned for political reasons, of whom 13 are missing. More than 12% of the population has emigrated in search of escape from state violence, poverty and lack of opportunities, many of them to the United States, where they now face measures that ignore the causes of this mass migration.

The Progressive Alliance demands an immediate end to the repression in Nicaragua and the unconditional release of the 52 political prisoners that the regime is holding, violating their human, civil and political rights.

Likewise, it asks the countries receiving Nicaraguan migrants to consider the political situation in Nicaragua and establish specific policies for welcoming this population.

We urge progressive democratic political forces, the governments of the world, the Organization of American States (OAS), the institutions of the European Union, solidarity movements and the international community to take the necessary actions to facilitate a democratic and peaceful transition in Nicaragua.

We reiterate our solidarity with the UNAMOS party and the progressive and democratic forces of Nicaragua.

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