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Does a new National Electoral Council (CNE) really imply a change?

Surprisingly enough, President Nicolás Maduro recognized expressly the competence –and, obviously, the legitimacy– of the National Assembly (AN), concerning the parliamentary procedure for designing the Postulations Committee that must appoint a new National Electoral Council (CNE). The mandatory stated that he should be presented a proposition on the matter. All this is certainly remarkable: for the first time, the supposed AN’s contempt is now in doubt; and the usual practice of the Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) of usurping parliamentary functions is left aside.

Acceso a la Justicia salutes this recognition of the Venezuelan parliament by the governing political regime. We deem as important underlining that the re-legitimization of Electoral Power without AN’s participation would not mean any democratic guarantee at all to Venezuelans. The Legislative Power is the only constitutionally legitimate Power in our country by the date; as it is the entity that best represents the political



pluralism –namely, the various political preferences of citizens.

Maduro’s announcements made on October 30 seem to point at a possible recognition of the real representative opposition, which has been politically disabled. It is mostly integrated by the Table for Democratic Unity (MUD). Nonetheless, it is necessary to warn the Legislative organ

about this: the procedure for appointing the Postulations Committee as established in the Organic Law of the Electoral Power, does not go accordingly with our Constitution, because it includes deputies in that Committee; but the Magna Carta demands the sole participation of civil society in such a first stage of appointing the Committee.

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What is the authentic demand behind the social crisis in the continent?



Happenings related with claims that have been recently manifested in diverse ways in many of our countries are calling us to meditate on the requirements and demands that citizens still do not get fulfilled by those who represent them. What is the message they sent via elections in Argentina, in Uruguay, and in Bolivia? What are revolts in Ecuador and social

outbursts in Chile telling us? What do they mean, those Center-American people’s mobilization, trespassing borderlines in order to enter the United States; and Venezuelan walkers on the roads in the region during the last months?

Do those persons really care whether the systems in their countries belong to the left or to the right? Or is it that, what they are aiming at is evidencing mistreatment and inequity for ending both of them, and finally have their rights fully respected? Are they fed up with States where power imposes at the top, while they are simply requested to comply with their civic duties? Answers to these questions merit a profound social-political study, to determine if citizens’ dissatisfaction reaches far beyond the possible solutions

generally handed out in political debates; and also if the basic problem is the need of a deep change of the State, for making it more horizontal, with the genuine participation of all and for all.

As a foundation to people’s complaints we find the right that everybody has to social mobility; and to the common citizens’ inclusion in their national development plans, which means to be heard and to be allowed to participate effectively. We cannot go on deeming peoples in our continent as jumbles of human beings who exact for worthy public services and an apparent economic stability, and that is all. Peoples are striving for equal treatment at all levels and in every sense of those words; and for a new type of democratic institutionality.

Transparencia Venezuela - www.transparencia.org.ve

Transparencia Venezuela and the Parliament create an alliance for receiving denouncements on gender violence

Transparencia Venezuela and the Sub-commission for Women and Equity of Gender of the National Assembly (AN) created an alliance for receiving denouncements of violence against women, through the application DiloAqui, developed by our organization, available for iOS and Android.

Within the framework of refreshing DiloAqui, as a consequence of the alliance with AN, Transparencia Venezuela included a new button: women who are victims of violence can make their denouncements in a safe and fast way. By a click on the button "Violence against women", a woman can declare irregularities and give data of the aggressor, whether a common civilian



or a public official of any kind. All denounces count on the guarantee of protected identity.

Denouncements will be systematized by the legal department of Transparencia Venezuela; and sent to organizations specialized on

gender violence, for the corresponding follow-ups and accompaniment of victims. This initiative aims at promoting denouncing abuses methodically; and also aims at attending women, who seem to be more vulnerable now, due to the crisis Venezuela is going through. Victims can denounce via telephone (0412)3122629; and via Email denuncia@transparencia.org.ve.

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To respect to pacific manifestations as a principle

Days ago, due to different reasons cycles of protest occurred in several Latin-American countries. The first one, in Ecuador; another, in Chile. One sector of Venezuelan public opinion -including a part of democratic political leadership- awarded these mobilizations to the supposed influence of Nicolás Maduro; and their affirmations criminalized the crowds that had participated in them.



Through Provea's social networks, we emitted various messages based on universal principles of Human Rights. We demanded from the authorities in each country -Bolivia included- full guarantees for the right to protest in peace; and also for investigating denouncements about police practices deemed as an excessive use of force. Besides, we stated that persons who were protesting violently were out of such guarantees to protect the right to peaceful

manifestations; and they should assume the legal consequences of their behavior.

Provea works in coordination with other organizations pro Human Rights all over our continent. Our source of privileged information were NGOs in each country, thanks to which we could follow up the facts and their evolution.

Those on-the-field witnesses gave us the elements for affirming that, in each country, violent facts were punctual and minority within the general indignation of citizenry during those days. Independently from a government-in-turn ideological sign, NGOs pro Human Rights have rectoral principles, one of them being defending the right to peaceful manifestations; as well as avoiding the criminalization of the entire group of manifestants, due to the unwanted behavior of a minority.

Un Mundo Sin Mordaza - www.sinmordaza.org

Maduro's government cannot figure into the Council of Human Rights



Since two decades ago, Venezuela is dominated by a government that has procured to deform our political and judicial systems and has disrespected international treaties pro Human Rights. Despite this, last October 17 our country was included in the Council of Human Rights of the United Nations, for the period 2020-2022.

Nicolás Maduro's regime presence in United Nations' Council of Human Rights.

In this international event, nations will demand respect to Human Rights and restoration of democracy in countries like Venezuela, Cuba, and Nicaragua, which are in the hands of non-democratic regimes. We accompany this initiative with the slogan #ExpelMaduroFromUNHRC, on behalf of venezuelans whose fundamental rights are violated. If you wish to organize this protest in the city you live in, contact us via @sinmordaza.

Several nations have rejected the decision, for considering that the Venezuelan State is a violator of Human Rights; and they have convoked a worldwide manifestations on Saturday, November 9, when voices will raise to express their discomfort for

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Venezuela in the future international agenda: What is to happen in United Nations?

Venezuelan civil society and organizations pro Human Rights have emphasized their struggle for proving, through denouncing and documenting cases, how grave is the multi-dimensional crisis presently going on in Venezuela, which means violation of rights that concern normative frameworks of the International Law. Thus, the progressive augment of the political, economical, social, and humanitarian crisis has determined -directly and indirectly- the subsidence of Humanitarian International Law, Refugees' International Law, International Penal Law, and Human Rights International Law.

organizations pro Human Rights achieved the signature of an understanding memorandum and a proposition of resolution about international cooperation.

In addition, ONU's independent international mission for determining facts is a historical decision to Venezuela, because it means ONU's recognition of the critical situation suffered by venezuelans. The present international panorama opens a wide door to the continuation of this agenda; and we must go on documenting violations of Human Rights -a task to be accomplished jointly by civil

society, democratic leaders, and organizations.

As a consequence of it, Venezuela's acute crisis has been an important part of the agenda in the Organization of United Nations (ONU) along 2019; and the same is foreseen to occur in coming 2020. Although we know that the regime's cooperation is not credible nor even factible, we acknowledge how international pressure and the work of

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Still in prison political prisoners with release warrants

By November 1st, 2019, Foro Penal had registered 15.180 arbitrary detentions since January 1st, 2014. 848 civilians have been presented before Military Courts. Up to date, we have accumulated 3.233 political prisoners; full liberty and release under diverse modalities have been obtained in 2.834 cases.

By April 2014, we had 117 political prisoners in our country. The cipher by October 28, 2019 is 399, 20 being



women. Besides, 8.948 persons were or still are unfairly submitted to penal processes under caution measures.

Still pending is the release of Antonia Turbay, "Toñita", who remains arbitrarily in custody in SEBIN's headquarters, in El Helicoide. It is also noticeable that José Alberto Marulanda –a medical doctor, a civilian sentenced by a military court–

spent his second birthday unfairly imprisoned in Ramo Verde, a military jail.

