COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMUNITY OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (CELAC)

The countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, united within the framework of CELAC, express their strongest condemnation and profound rejection of the failed attempted coup d'état perpetrated today against the legitimate and constitutional Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, an act that seriously attacks democracy, peace and stability of our brother country and the entire region.

We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the defense of democracy, respect for the rule of law and the sovereignty of the people, fundamental principles that are the basis on which our societies are built and which cannot be undermined by illegitimate and violent actions.

We express our total solidarity with the Bolivian people and their democratically elected government, headed by President Luis Alberto Arce Catacora. In times of crisis, it is essential that all political, military and social forces in Bolivia act with responsibility and adherence to democratic principles, ensuring peace and national unity.

We urge the international community to remain vigilant and support the efforts of Bolivian institutions to fully restore the constitutional order and we call for the prioritization of political dialogue and democratic mechanisms, always in search of the common good.

The progress to stop the coup attempt in Bolivia is welcomed. The Heads of State and Government of CELAC will remain vigilant about the progress of events in a state of alert and, if necessary, urgently convene a High Level Meeting. Level to speak out and take action in case the situation continues to threaten Democracy and Constitutional Institutionality in Bolivia. (CN Honduras proposal)

The peace and stability of our region depend on the solidity of our democracies and respect for the sovereign will of our people. As members of CELAC, we will continue working to strengthen regional cooperation and integration, always promoting peace, social justice and democracy.

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