



**Statement of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad): management support of Tribunal Supremo Electoral de Honduras (Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Honduras- TSE) and the country's institutionalism.**

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Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) platform impulse to full democracy, consisting of more than 450 organizations, Official Member of the Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD), supports the work of the Tribunal Supremo Electoral de Honduras (Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Honduras- TSE) because of the political party primary elections held on Sunday November 18, 2012.

A Mission of Redlad experts, participated as an observer of the process and can guarantee transparency with which the Electoral Tribunal has acted to carry out an electoral process free and seek greater democratic participation of the people Honduran.

Our network is finalizing its comprehensive report of the elections. Our observers have continued monitoring to Honduras after the elections. Although we have seen reports of irregularities during and after the election, we express our confidence in the institutions and in elections that were accompanied by mature people that went to the polls to cast their votes, which was observed during all election day. We observe various normal electoral control measures applied by the Court on election day and while it was a process that took place normally. It is our opinion that any technical failure was within usual in such processes and can be improved for the general election.

The Honduran political party system should certainly stronger, but for this you need to respect the electoral process, the autonomy of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal and abide by the results validly issued by the institution. Different behavior of some



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individual candidates or parties seeking to cast doubt on the referee don't change or lessen the political independence and responsibility with which the electoral body has acted.

The Permanent Secretariat of Redlad and the Electoral Mission who served in the primary election, gives full support to the ability of the Electoral Tribunal with a view to the general and presidential elections to be held in 2013.

In turn, there is a call to political parties and candidates to avoid any prelude that could lead to a institutional crisis. Primaries are the sole responsibility of the political parties and their internal structures, so the electoral body, actually served as a facilitator and supporter of due process. Any objection to the results, must be done through the mechanisms provided by law and through democratic practices that inhibit any attempt to destabilize the country.

The obligation of political parties is to build and strengthen electoral institutions in order that the Electoral Tribunal may, in its rationale, conduct an election in 2013 to be valid internally and internationally.

In this regard, Redlad supports the country's institutions, the independence of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal and urges political parties, pressure groups, citizens and media to work to strengthen electoral and desist from any attempt that would seek to disrupt the efforts being made in Honduras for the representative democracy and the rule of law.

Honduras has successfully been moving out of the crisis that led to a situation of institutional breakdown, divisions and clashes in 2008. Redlad call to all groups to avoid the country back in an unstable situation in detriment of the Honduran people.

Finally, Redlad agrees to attend with an Observer Mission to the 2013 General Elections, performing a task in levels before, during and after the electoral process and to give assurance about what happens. Our first step towards this goal is to present the report in a timely manner with our observations, suggestions and contributions to the improvement of the quality of the electoral system. Once again, we thank the openness demonstrated in every instance by the TSE and congratulate the people of Honduras for their strong conviction to deepen democracy in their country.

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