



Guatemala is in the midst of one of the most complicated moments in its history, marked by the resistance of sectors rooted in the country's oligarchy to the results of the 2023 elections.

In a context where governments have been singled out for corruption and democratic institutions continue to erode, disillusionment has become a widespread sentiment.

Over the past week, the country has witnessed a series of strikes in protest at recent events at the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Last Monday, the population and ancestral indigenous organisations united in what they called a "national strike for an indefinite period of time", taking to the streets to demand the resignation of Attorney General Consuelo Porras and officials who, according to them, "act with abuse of power and facilitate a coup d'état plan, orchestrated by the Pact of Corruption".

The Constitutional Court's decision has been strongly criticised by former judges and prosecutors who have fought corruption in the country. Journalists, media and politicians critical of the current system have also warned of the serious consequences of this review. In a country where the population has already expressed its weariness with the traditional powers through the ballot box, it is argued that "the Constitutional Court violated the electoral procedure by ordering a new hearing to review the vote count, which is outside the provisions of the Electoral and Political Parties Law, whose precepts are imperative".

In this context, Guatemala's sovereignty and democracy are at risk. Despite being a democratic, sovereign and independent country, there is growing concern about the way in which the Public Prosecutor's Office proceeded in seizing the boxes containing the ballot papers. Furthermore, it is intriguing to observe how some actors seem to be fighting to stay in power, which leads us to consider that this could be a warning to the people.

At this crucial moment in Guatemalan history, it is essential that citizens and the international community be vigilant and unite to defend democracy and the sovereignty of this country. The resistance and the voices of those demanding transparency, justice and a corruption-free political system are courageous examples of the determination of the Guatemalan people.

The road to building a more just and equitable society is not an easy one, but unity and the struggle for solid democratic principles are essential. The situation in Guatemala reminds us that constant vigilance of our institutions and active participation in political life are the responsibilities of all citizens.



We appreciate the interest of RIPESS (Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy) and their solidarity with the efforts of those seeking a better future for Guatemala. As the country faces these challenges, we reaffirm our commitment to the values of the social solidarity economy, which promotes social justice, equality and democratic participation in all aspects of life, including the political sphere.

We hope that this situation will be resolved peacefully and fairly, and that Guatemala can move towards a future in which the will of the people is faithfully reflected in their leaders and in the policies that affect their lives. We will continue as PECOSOL GT to closely monitor the situation and support efforts for positive change in Guatemala and around the world.

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