



Twenty-Eighth Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Political Coordination, Rio Group.

SPECIAL DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN HONDURAS

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Political Coordination meeting in Montego Bay, Jamaica, bearing in mind the reprehensible events that have taken place in the Republic of Honduras, recalled that on June 29, one day after the coup d'état, the Heads of State and Government meeting in Managua at the Second Special Summit of the Mechanism, declared themselves in favor of the immediate and unconditional restitution of President José Manuel Zelaya in the office for which he was legitimately elected at the polls, the reestablishment of the constitutional order, the Rule of Law and the legally constituted authorities in the sister Republic of Honduras.

The Ministers, on ratifying their declaration of New York of September 22, reiterated their condemnation of the coup d'état, their demand for respect for the human rights of the Honduran people, and made a vigorous call for the ceasing of harassment against Brazil's diplomatic headquarters in Tegucigalpa and the guaranteeing of its inviolability, that of the persons under its protection, as well as the freedom of movement of its personnel and of the entire diplomatic corps accredited in Honduras, in strict adherence to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

They demanded immediate compliance in its entirety, without delay, of the Tegucigalpa / San José Agreement signed on October 30 in the Honduran capital, as the formula to restore the constitutional order in that country. In that context, they underscored that the immediate restitution of Constitutional President José Manuel Zelaya was imperative and should be supervised by the Verification Committee in charge of ensuring compliance with said Agreement.

They stated that for the Rio Group the immediate restitution of President José Manuel Zelaya in the office for which he was elected by the Honduran people constituted an essential requirement for the reestablishment of the constitutional order, the Rule of Law and democratic life in Honduras, as well as for the normalization of relations between the Republic of Honduras and the Rio Group and to make possible recognition of the results of the elections scheduled to take place next November 29.

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