

President of Bolivian electoral tribunal resigns



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Washington, April 29 (RHC)-- The president of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) of Bolivia, Salvador Romero, announced Wednesday that he is resigning from his position as head of the electoral body.

"By presenting tomorrow my resignation to the Presidency and to the Vocal, I close a personal stage and conclude an institutional phase with a court ready to face new challenges," said Romero, who highlighted his management in the national and sub-regional elections held in the country.

Romero pointed out that he leaves the TSE leaving a legacy of transparency after the high polarization that occurred in 2019: "I leave as I arrived, a man free of ties independent of political forces or group interests. Committed exclusively to the clean election as a cornerstone of democracy and point of reunion of Bolivians, beyond our differences," he added.

"We were the only country in the world that successfully weathered holding two elections that were national in scope in the grim time of the pandemic. True, in 2020, the country went through a bitter controversy to redefine the date of the voting day (...) the electoral tribunals conducted two fully democratic electoral processes", pointed out Romero.

The former president of the TSE emphasized that he managed to establish tranquility in the midst of conflicts arising from political issues, "nothing has been easy to achieve the accomplishment that the electoral cycle leaves a strengthened democracy and a country in peace, when neither one nor the other was assured or evident in November 2019", he said.

After the perpetration of the coup d'état against the constitutional president, Evo Morales, the de facto government of Jeanine Áñez put Romero in charge of the TSE and subsequently he was ratified by the members of that Electoral Body.

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