

Hateful history



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As has been recalled in recent days, CELAC is a body diametrically opposed to the discredited Organization of American States, OAS, whose existence and future are on the agenda that heads of state and government and high representatives discuss during the day.

In my opinion, the OAS, also known as Washington's Ministry of Colonies, has lasted long enough, an appellation that reflects very well the subordinate nature of this continental organization, founded on April 30, 1948 as an extension of U.S. foreign policy.

The history of the OAS is peppered with contradictions, falsehoods, betrayals and omissions with respect to its alleged original objective, to ensure good relations and fair treatment between North, Central, Caribbean and South America.

Not many years had passed and it showed its true face when, in 1954, it saw, heard and said nothing about the invasion of Guatemala and the assassination of the "Spring of Freedom", the Revolution of 1944.

Shortly thereafter, however, it expelled one of its members, Cuba, precisely for defending its freedom, sovereignty and independence, won on January 1, 1959, and for choosing its own political and social model to follow.

These two acts alone would suffice to demonstrate to whom it answers and what its true purposes are, but its odious history had just begun.

The Dominican Republic and Grenada were attacked by the United States, before the opprobrious silence of the OAS, which also remained silent when the coup d'état in Chile cost the life of President Salvador Allende and installed the bloody dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet.

The silence extended to the uprisings in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina and remained during the Condor Plan, a transnational criminal organization sustained from Washington that kidnapped, tortured and murdered thousands of people.

The genocide of the indigenous people in Guatemala, the dirty war against the Nicaraguan Revolution, the invasion of Panama, the attacks against democracy in Brazil and Paraguay and the promotion of the coup against Evo Morales in Bolivia, are part of the actions and omissions of the OAS.

Too much time, too much infamy and too much surrender to the geopolitical interests of the United States must come to an end. There is no evil that lasts a hundred years, nor a sick person that can resist it.

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