

# *Nicaraguan leader says OAS is on its way to the grave*

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**President of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) of Nicaragua, Edwin Castro (left).**

Managua, December 10 (RHC)-- Nicaragua is an independent and free country, and wants nothing from the OAS -- "The Ministry of Colonies" -- which is on its way to the grave, said a Nicaraguan deputy.

The president of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) of Nicaragua, Edwin Castro, denounced the resolution of the Organization of American States (OAS), according to which Managua does not respect its commitments under the Inter-American Democratic Charter (IDC).

"That [OAS resolution] has no value whatsoever," said the head of the majority bench of the Nicaraguan National Assembly in an interview granted to the Russian news agency Sputnik, adding that the hemispheric organization "is already on its way to the grave."

In this sense, the deputy mentioned that Nicaragua is not a colony, but a free, sovereign and independent country. In fact, it receives nothing from the "Ministry of Colonies." Nicaragua called on OAS member states to respect the sovereignty and self-determination of nations, following questions about the elections in this country.

The Organization of American States on Wednesday approved the resolution, in which it urged Nicaragua to release all alleged political prisoners, repeal all laws restricting political participation and limiting human rights, as well as open a dialogue with all political parties and other actors in the country.

The regional forum also demanded that the Nicaraguan Government accept a high-level mission delegated by the Permanent Council in order to reach an agreement leading to electoral reforms under the observation of the OAS. In this regard, the OAS General Assembly approved last November a resolution declaring that the presidential elections in Nicaragua "were not free, fair or transparent and lack democratic legitimacy."

At the same time, Managua officially initiated the process of leaving the organization due to its "continuous signs of interference" in the internal affairs of the Central American country.

Nicaragua has repeatedly criticized the interference of the OAS in its internal affairs. In this regard, the Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denis Moncada, stated that the organization was born as an interventionist organization of the United States to enforce its policy and the Monroe Doctrine, that is, to dominate and control all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as if they were part of the United States.

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