

# *Bolivian president calls for strengthening of the Plurinational State*

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La Paz, January 23 (RHC)-- The president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, called this Sunday for the defense of the homeland and democracy above political calculations, while urging to strengthen the State with new content to give continuity and deepen the Democratic and Cultural Revolution.

In his speech to mark the 14th anniversary of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the president reviewed the history of the country's struggles from colonial times, through the republican period to the present, "to know where we come from and where we are going."

"Today, our homeland calls us to never again allow democracy and the conquests of the people to be put at risk. In this perspective, the unity of our Plurinational State of Bolivia is a strategic necessity," he said.

The Bolivian president alluded to the social mobilization that counteracted the attempts of political destabilization promoted by the civic groups of Santa Cruz, and recognized the commitment and courage of the Bolivian people. "I want to take this opportunity to highlight the organization and permanent mobilization of the Bolivian working people, in defense of our democracy and our economy," he said.

Through a review of his administration since 2020, President Arce highlighted the economic achievements with social justice that serve as the engine of the dynamic character of the Bolivian economy. Arce placed his confidence on industrialization with import substitution and affirmed that progress is being made in the construction of a more equitable and fair society that puts an end to economic abuses.

The festivity for the 14th anniversary of the Plurinational State began with the traditional ancestral rite, in which the head of state participated with Vice President David Choquehuanca.

Also present were ministers, the presidents of the Chamber of Senators and Deputies, Andrónico Rodríguez and Jerjes Mercado, respectively; leaders of the Unity Pact and representatives of diplomatic corps accredited in the country -- as well as peasant and urban social sectors that have supported the government and defended democracy over the years.

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