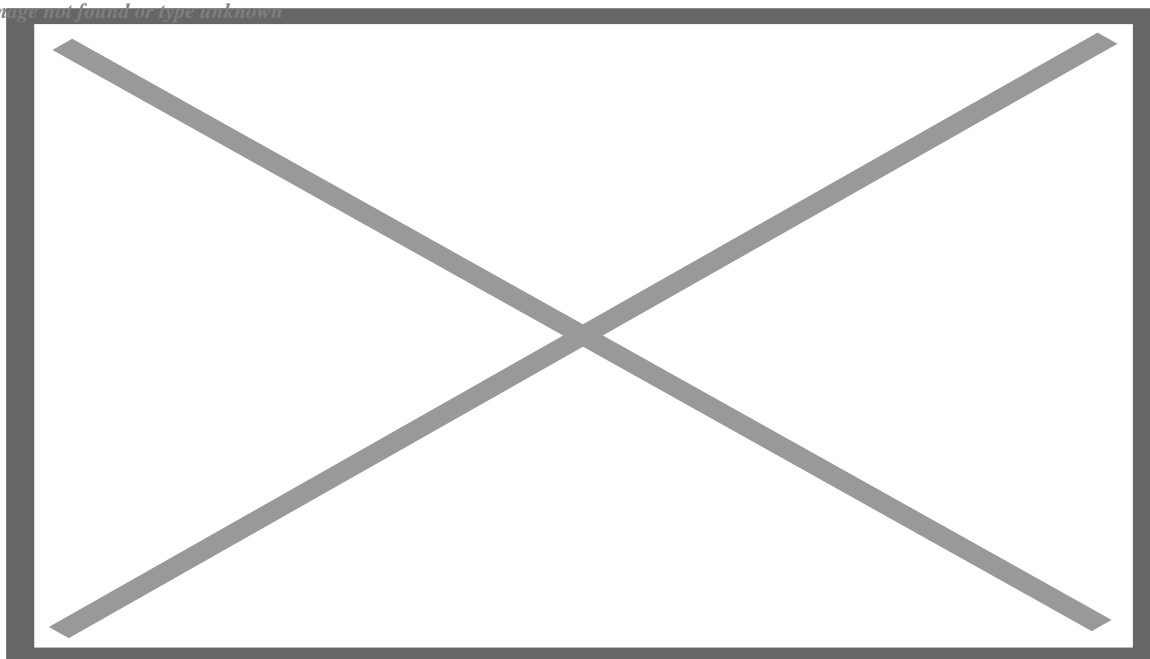


# *Bolivian president stresses the need for regional integration*

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**"The transition to a multipolar world may be delayed, but it will not stop," stressed the Bolivian head of state. | Photo: Twitter @LuchoXBolivia**

Brasilia, June 1 (RHC)-- The president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, has highlighted the need for a true regional integration for the benefit of the peoples. In the framework of the meeting of South American presidents held in Brazil, the Bolivian leader said that an "ideologization of integration and a vision subordinated to the North prevented the consolidation of this effort".

"The lack of tolerance and the impossibility of assuming that we are diverse and different, but that we can integrate in spite of this for the benefit of our peoples, truncated the union of the nations of the South," he asserted.

The Bolivian president added that there have always been interests within and outside the region that have prevented the consolidation of a true space for integration and coordination among the countries.

On the other hand, he said that they are at a crucial moment in history, with the context of world geopolitics in the last two years that has demanded a deep reflection on the role of cooperation, integration and multilateralism in their efforts to build a more just, democratic, equitable and secure world.

"We are facing a critical juncture that can propel our integrationist aspirations to higher levels for the benefit of each and every one of our peoples. It depends on us," he said. The Bolivian president stressed that they have witnessed significant changes in the international scenario, with the tendency to configure a new world order based on the balance of powers and the principle of non-interference.

"The transition to a multipolar world may be delayed, but it will not stop. But the inflection in the history of Latin America and the Caribbean, and within it in South America, has not been without great difficulties and setbacks. Old and new types of coups d'état were carried out in the name of democracy and this cannot be repeated," he clarified.

President Arce recalled various current global challenges such as climate, health, food, energy, water, poverty, inequality, among others, which do not recognize borders or are not limited to a single country, as they require a collective and coordinated response.

"The axis of these problems is the multidimensional crisis of the hegemonic system of the planet and of a world order that is intended to be maintained on the basis of imposition, domination and not dialogue," he said.

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