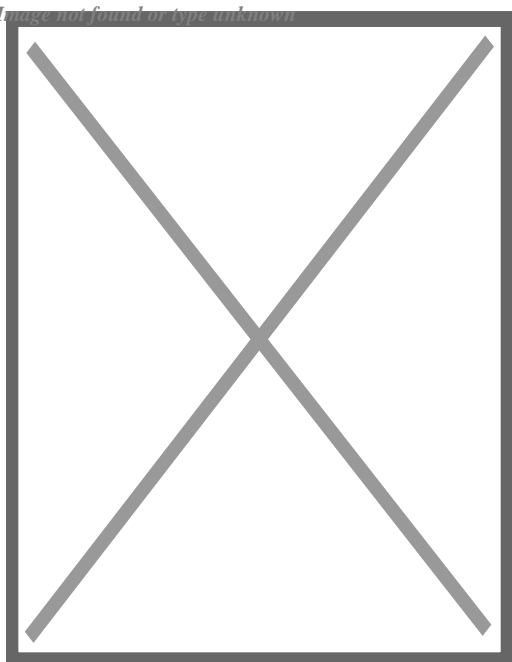


CELAC announces summit to address crisis between Mexico and Ecuador

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The CELAC meeting is scheduled to be held virtually next Friday, April 12. | Photo: EFE

Tegucigalpa, April 9 (RHC)-- The pro tempore president of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), Xiomara Castro, announced Monday that she will convene a summit of presidents of the regional body to address the diplomatic crisis between Ecuador and Mexico after the raid on the Mexican Embassy in Quito to arrest former Vice President Jorge Glas.

The meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Friday, April 12 at 10:00 local time in Honduras (16:00 GMT), to define "actions" with the purpose of requiring the Government of Ecuador to "rectify" for forcibly breaking into the diplomatic headquarters of Mexico in Quito last Friday.

Likewise, the summit foresees "to review the consensus rule contained in Chapter II of the Procedures Manual for the organic functioning of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the decision-making mechanisms in (the) Celac can be adopted in the following modalities: simple majority,

qualified majority and consensus.

The meeting of foreign ministers will propose "the firm condemnation" of Celac to the State of Ecuador for "the illegal entry" of security forces to the Mexican Embassy in Quito, making "undue use of force violating the principle of inviolability of diplomatic headquarters and the kidnapping of former Vice President Jorge Glas".

According to what was reported, for the Celac presidency, the assault of the Ecuadorian authorities to the diplomatic headquarters of Mexico is a "flagrant violation" of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Caracas Convention of 1954 on asylum, adds the communiqué.

Members' actions should also "redirect the proper procedure of the asylum rules requested by former Vice President Jorge Glas and promote dialogue to normalize relations with Mexico. Otherwise "take political positions to force compliance," the communiqué emphasizes.

The crisis between Mexico and Ecuador broke out on the 4th, when the government of Daniel Noboa declared the Mexican ambassador, Raquel Serur, "persona non grata", in response to comments made by President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, about the murder of former presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio and its electoral consequences.

At that juncture, Mexico announced that it would seek to grant political asylum to Jorge Glas, who is being prosecuted for corruption cases by the Ecuadorian justice system, which caused police forces to forcefully burst into the Mexican legation during the night to arrest him and detain him in a maximum security prison. Celac announces summit to address crisis between Mexico and Ecuador.

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