

# *Bolivian President Says OAS Should Cease to Exist*

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New York, September 23 (RHC/TeleSUR)-- Bolivian President Evo Morales said at the U.N. General Assembly that the Organization of American States, the OAS, should not exist if it does not represent the countries that are part of it.

We do not need an overseer of the Empire to control our peoples, said Evo. If the OAS does not represent or respect the sovereignty of its member states, it's better that it no longer exists," said Morales during a press conference in New York.

Morales also defended the sovereignty of Venezuela, after constant attacks from the OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro as he threatened the South American country with suspending it for its internal developments.

The Indigenous president said Almagro's actions caused him "deep concern" and he rejected them outright.

"Imperial interests are creating a process of political destabilization in our region," said Morales, adding that the OAS ought to be the genuine representation of the countries of the Americas and not a tool of U.S. interests.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has repeatedly denounced foreign interference in Venezuela orchestrated by the U.S. government through the secretary-general of the OAS and the opposition in Venezuela's National Assembly.

The OAS was recently criticized by progressive governments in Latin America for not denouncing the coup in Brazil against democratically-elected President Dilma Rousseff.

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