

# *Bolivian voters abroad helped Evo secure presidency*

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La Paz, October 28 (RHC)-- The reelection of Evo Morales for his fourth term as President of Bolivia was possible thanks to the votes of Bolivians residing abroad, according to an investigation carried out by Fato's Brazil.

"Bolivian immigrants, who live in neighboring countries that have neoliberal governments, gave the winning candidate a wide margin of difference over his opponent Carlos Mesa: 61 percentage points of advantage in Brazil and 74 percentage points in Argentina."

Outside of Bolivia, the "Movement Towards Socialism" (MAS) candidate obtained 120,647 votes and Mesa obtained 54,568. Without these votes, Morales would not have been elected in the first round.

"After all, he needed a 10 percentage point advantage over the runner-up: the difference in Bolivian territory was 9.81 points," Brazil de Fato commented.

In Brazil, where Bolivian voters have been suffering from the far-right President Jair Bolsonaro's budget cuts in health and education, Morales obtained 22,210 votes and Mesa got 3,030 votes.

In Argentina, a country whose right-wing President Mauricio Macri sent 35 percent of the population to poverty, the Bolivian president won 80,420 votes and the 8,380 opposition candidate.

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