

# *Bolivia and Mexico align positions on Organization of American States*

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**Mexico offered refuge to several Bolivian leaders after the coup d'état in 2019, among them, now President Luis Arce**

Mexico City, March 25 (RHC)-- A joint statement by the presidents of Mexico, Andrés M. López Obrador, and Bolivia, Luis Arce Catacora, expresses that they "will not tolerate interference in internal affairs" by the Organization of American States, the OAS.

The position of both presidents came on the occasion of the official visit that Luis Arce has been making to Mexico. Both presidents discussed the role of OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro in the coup against then Bolivian president, Evo Morales, in November 2019.

Arce, elected last October, took asylum in Mexico from November 2019 to January 2020, after the installation of the de facto government in Bolivia. He thanked López Obrador on Wednesday, expressing appreciation for having "sheltered" him and "having shown solidarity" with the "process of change in Bolivia..

In a joint communiqué, the two presidents demand that Almagro "refrain from intervening in the internal affairs of member states" and insist on the importance of "promoting the exclusively technical, objective and impartial character of the Electoral Observation Missions" of the OAS.

Likewise, they request that these commissions limit themselves to "act within their own institutional framework" and "not intervene in the internal affairs of member states."}

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