

# *Puebla Group rejects UK court decision on Julian Assange*

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La Paz, December 13 (RHC)-- The Puebla Group and the Latin American Council for Justice and Democracy, described this Sunday as a grave miscarriage of justice the ruling of the Westminster Court in the UK last Friday that enables the extradition of Julian Assange to the United States.

According to a statement released by the alliance of Ibero-American presidents and political leaders, it is not only a serious miscarriage of justice that endangers his life, as his defense lawyers claim, but it is also a decision that sets a serious precedent in the violation of the human right to free expression and information.

The Puebla Group recalls that the material published by WikiLeaks, a decade ago, provides irrefutable and irrefutable evidence on the role and responsibility of politicians, diplomats, military, businessmen, etc., mainly from the U.S., in decisions and actions that had a strong impact on the internal politics of various States worldwide.

In this sense, they exemplify that those evidences show processes of extortion, espionage, covert operations, destabilization and even armed attacks against civilians. Until the appearance of these documents, the U.S. State reserved the right to define the time and contents of the documents that could be shown to the general public and which would remain hidden.

The progressive alliance regrets that, paradoxically, instead of being applauded, the WikiLeaks act unleashed a series of punishments that include the judicialization, denigration, demoralization, stigmatization and criminalization of Assange, deprived of his freedom in a maximum security prison for terrorists.

Given this situation, the Puebla Group denounces that the process of humiliation and denigration definitely transcends an individual to become an international corrective, showing step by step the cruelty to which the established system can reach, to prevent anyone from daring to do something similar, which ultimately seeks to paralyze the instinct and the right to seek the truth, instilling fear.

According to the statement, the U.S. State requests Assange's extradition because he allegedly represents a threat to national security and, having granted this request, the British justice reinforces the extraterritoriality of the U.S. legal arm, which by legal, illegal, direct or indirect means and manages to intervene in judicial proceedings in other States.

The complaint, signed, among others, by former presidents Luiz Inácio "Lula" da Silva, Ernesto Samper, Dilma Rouseff and Fernando Lugo, recalls that Assange's imprisonment is the triumph of oppression, silence and fear.

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