

In contrast to riots in Quito, Mexico calls for calm

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Cuba urged CELAC, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, to adopt a firm and united position in the face of what it described as unacceptable events in Quito.

Armed forces broke into the Mexican embassy, in violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, to capture former Ecuadorian vice-president Jorge Glas, who was physically assaulted, as well as a diplomat.

A barbaric act in the face of a Convention respected even by regimes of force such as that of the dictator Augusto Pinochet in Chile since 1973.

For the largest of the Antilles, what happened in Quito motivates a pronouncement by CELAC for Ecuador to strictly comply with its international obligations.

As usual in the foreign policy of the Caribbean nation, dialogue is privileged and not force, hence Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez said in a CELAC ministerial meeting that the bloc should call the parties to talk or use any other resource within International Law.

Rodríguez underlined the solidarity and support to the Mexican President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, and all his people in view of the unacceptable violation and violation of his embassy in Quito.

Cuba expressed its willingness to accompany Mexico in its next steps in the face of the serious violation of the diplomatic mission in Quito, where Glas, who had been granted diplomatic asylum, was kidnapped.

It should be recalled that Mexico will file a formal complaint before the International Court of Justice against Ecuador, for what López Obrador described as the "arrogant attitude of a government".

Cuba's position is part of the very generalized position of Latin America and the Caribbean, in support of Mexico, a country with an impeccable track record of compliance with the Vienna Convention.

Latin Americans and Caribbeans called attention to how the abuse against the politician Jorge Glas was extended after his detention, by initially preventing him from contacting his family and defense team.

In our region it is recalled that the former vice president during Rafael Correa's term insisted that the charges against him are politically motivated.

In contrast to the outbursts of the Ecuadorian government, the Mexican government, as stated by its Foreign Minister, Alicia Bárcena, called for calm.

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