



Alert of Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (RedLad): financial crisis in the Organization of American States (OAS).

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The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy warns of the serious financial situation experienced by the Organization of American States (OAS), whose current cash balance is unable to cover all operations of the organization doomed to a close in fact.

The existence of debtor countries threatened with technical closure of the organization in the month of December. Brazil has more than 6.3 million in fees has failed to pay as a measure of pressure and coercion to eliminate the authority that allows the Inter-American System of Human Rights issued precautionary measures in cases of violation of human rights in any of the countries of the region. In fact, after the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) asked to stop construction of a hydroelectric plant in the Brazilian Amazon, in defense of indigenous peoples in Brazil has become the most critical of the Commission.

Venezuela, meanwhile, owes more than \$ 2.3 million to the entity. Gerald C. Anderson, Secretary of Administration and Finance of the OAS, said the lack of resources can have serious legal consequences and operation, further reducing the ability to act in many priority issues. And last but not least, the OAS has also being threatened by the U.S. Congress cut funding for this country contributes to the organization.

Of course, the OAS not only through financial difficulties and serious deficiencies in the administration, but also the quality of its electoral missions, the performance of several of its technical and lack of leadership, but this is not resolved by closing the organization.

The Permanent Secretariat of Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy, a platform for promotion of democracy and human rights comprising over 300 organizations in the region, official member of the Civil Society Forum of the OAS and Regional Chapter of the Global Movement for Democracy (WMD):



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- Urges the different governments to pay their debts to the organization. Failure to do so is a weakening of the actions needed to further the consolidation of democracy and full respect for human rights.
- Requires the strengthening of the Inter-American Human Rights. It is unacceptable that governments like Brazil's democratic vocation, exert pressure to end or limit an institution's performance in the field stronghold such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- Urge the OAS and its departments, to use the budget in a more austere and effective practices to engage in effective transparency of its management and accountability to enable all stakeholders to make appropriate follow-up.
- Stresses the urgent need to prioritize the development of projects that seek to strengthen democracy and a culture of human rights. Above all, it urged the OAS to undertake actions that embody the objective reality of life in many countries of the region and truly serve as a platform for dialogue and regional integration.
- Call the organized civil society, active citizenship, business community, media and social groups to demand payment of dues to their respective governments. The survival of the OAS is a work of each and every one of the countries represented there and therefore, all government authorities have an obligation to the institution.

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