Sirs
Luis Almagro – Secretary General of the OAS
Antonio Guterres – Secretary General of the UN
Jean-Claude Junker – President of the European Union

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Dear Sirs,

After the 26th of November, the day when citizens turned out to the polls en masse, the situation in Honduras has done nothing but deteriorate. There were numerous signs of significant irregularities in the process before and after the election. Because of this, the Honduran people are in the streets demanding that their votes be respected.

The response from the government has been nothing but repression: a state of siege, curfew, persecution, violence, and deaths. In addition to the unconstitutionality of the intended second term, the electoral fraud orchestrated by the current president and his allies is clear. News has been received of savage repression in communities where the military police are throwing tear gas into houses, destroying entrances, and the cars of those who protest. They have also prevented people from helping those injured in the riots. There are already more than 95 protests in the 18 departments of the country, and the number of people rioting exceeds 1,600; at least 20 people have been murdered by the military police in the last 20 days. The government of Juan Orlando Hernandez continues to silence the people by all means and the institutions that dare to raise their voice (radio, press) calling for transparency. Radio Progreso, for example, one of the most listened to stations in the country and most committed to the people, with the truth and democracy, has suffered a serious attack against their retransmission zone in Tegucigalpa.
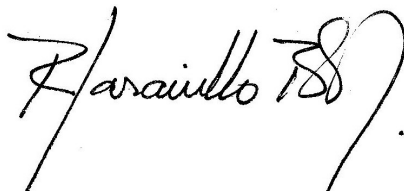
With this message **we want to ask as urgently and vehemently as possible,** in the name of our Jesuit partners and all the people of goodwill who are concerned and hurting for what is taking place in Honduras, **for the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations (UN), and the European Union (EU) on behalf of all the citizens of the world, giving evidence of independence and a true spirit of democracy to**:

- **Publicly express their indignation and rejection** against the way the current government of Honduras conducted the pre- and post-election process.
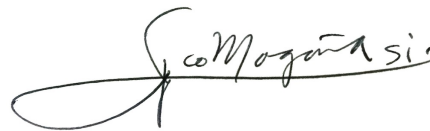
- Urgently **declare the application of the Inter-American Democratic Charter**,
- **Call for** the current government of Honduras – and the United States embassy that supports it – to **annul the general election of November 26th**.
- **Promote and guarantee** a **national agreement and naming of a provisional, transition government**, that commits to:
  - Hold **a referendum** vote regarding the inflexible articles of the National Constitution that prohibit the reelection of the president, and
  - To convene and organize under international surveillance, **a new electoral process** in as reasonable a time as possible.
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In these critical moments in the history of Honduras and Latin America the active participation of the OAS, the UN, the EU, and all the multilateral international organizations is indispensable so that all of the citizens of Honduras, Latin America, and the world in general, defend the democratic achievements gained thus far.
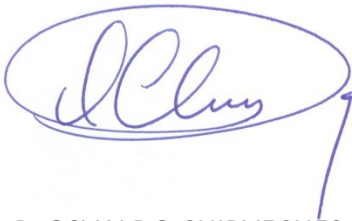
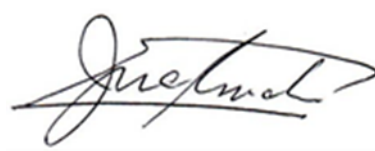With feelings of consideration and appreciation,

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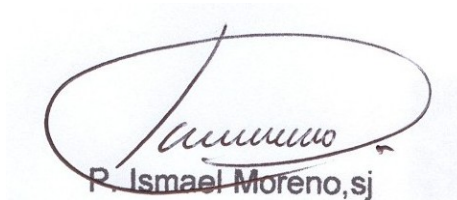Consejero - provincial del Perú

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