



Declaration of the Rio Group on the Situation in Bolivia

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The governments of the member States of the Rio Group, recalling the joint Declaration in support of the Bolivian democratic process adopted in the 20th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Rio Group, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on March 7, 2008:

- Reiterate their solidarity with the People and the Government of Bolivia, as well as their full and wholehearted support to the democratic institutions and sovereignly elected authorities by the Bolivian people.
- Reject any attempt to interrupt the democratic process in Bolivia, and express their confidence that the country will overcome its current situation through dialogue and negotiation.
- They encourage parties to find a democratic and constitutional solution in order to preserve peace and a democratic coexistence in Bolivia, within a framework of respect for constitutional order, territorial unity and integrity, and Rule of Law.
- They make a call for an absolute compliance of all actions with the Bolivian constitutional provisions in effect, the guarantee of the State integrity and unity, and the current commitments under the Inter-American System for the promotion and protection of democratic institutions.
- They support the initiatives from international bodies aimed at promoting dialogue and peaceful dispute resolution, in strict adherence to the principle of nonintervention.
- The Rio Group ratifies its complete willingness to help Bolivia to ease its internal political situation.

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