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THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its special meeting of May 21, 2019)

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

RECALLING Permanent Council resolutions "The Situation in Nicaragua" (CP/RES. 1108 (2172/18) rev. 1 of July 18, 2018); "Working Group for Nicaragua" (CP/RES. 1109 (2175/18) rev. 1 of August 2, 2018);

BEARING IN MIND the four reports submitted to the Permanent Council by the Working Group on Nicaragua and the reports submitted by the Secretary General on January 11, 2019 and April 26, 2019;

CONSIDERING the process and steps laid out in Articles 18, 19, and 20 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the ongoing collective assessment on the situation in Nicaragua; and

TAKING NOTE of the negotiation process between the Government of Nicaragua and the Civic Alliance for Justice and Democracy,

RESOLVES:

1. Reiterate the concern of the inter-American community for the deterioration of democratic institutions and human rights in Nicaragua and its support for a peaceful solution to the political crisis in that country;

2. Urge the parties to further effective dialogue in good faith, through the implementation by the Government of the following measures:

- a) Unconditional release of all prisoners, by June 18th 2019, as agreed by the parties in the Mesa de Negociación. This release must have independent monitoring and verification mechanisms.
- b) Allow the effective work of the IACHR and its mechanisms in Nicaragua, including the MESENI, and assure them all the guarantees necessary for the fulfillment of their mandate.

- c) In collaboration with the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, initiate institutional measures necessary to ensure free, fair, transparent, and legitimate elections in accordance with international standards, with the presence of independent electoral observers, including the OAS.
- d) Ensure freedom of expression and the press, allow the exercise of the right to demonstrate peacefully, stop arbitrary detentions, and guarantee the independent work of human rights defenders and organizations.
- e) Guarantee the return and safe stay, without reprisals, of all the people who were forced to leave Nicaragua as a result of the current crisis.

3. Advance the collective assessment of the situation in Nicaragua, consistent with the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and bring this issue forward to the General Assembly in June 2019.