

GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOSE MANUEL ZELAYA

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE COUP D'ETAT

I. I- GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.-

The Government of the Republic of Honduras, headed by José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, hereby officially inform the Honduran people and the international community about the causes and motivations that led the military coup d'etat by the on June 28 2009.

Honduras. A society submerged in inequalities.

Honduras's third poorest economy in Latin America, is the country with the highest degrees of social inequality in America. A small group of families posses 90% of national wealth.

This economy elite seized banks, shopping centers, energy generating companies, airport concessions, telecommunications, newspapers, radio and television stations, credit administrators, football team business, fast food stores, factories, management of political parties and even some churches.

Using rigged privatizations they have taken ownership of natural resources, public services and financial services. Now, all three branches of government are at their service after the coup d'etat.

Congress and state institutions create a regime of privileges for the oligarchy

The National Congress following the rise to power of former President Flores has been at the service of this oligarchy creating a system of privileges and concessions, tax exemptions and weaken the state with a very low tax burden, only 14%.

This economic elite funds the campaigns of political parties, candidates that run for president, deputies and mayors of major cities, they have control of 90% of the most powerful media to buy peoples consciences, they act as owners of the National Congress and through this they assign their attorneys and staff as justice officials and even state comptrollers agencies: Judges of the Supreme Court, Attorney General and Deputy Prosecutor, National Commissioner for Human Rights, Judges of the Supreme Court, the Magistrates of the Supreme Electoral Court and Attorney General of the Republic, in conclusion, all belong to them and obey them all.

The military coup in Honduras is a return to State fascism and the most discredited and repudiated politician in the entire political history of Honduras has been appointed as Head Usurper, Roberto Michelleti Bain and as Advisor to the Minister a member of the sinister Squadron 3-6, accused of several disappearances and torture in the decade of the 80s, Billy Joya Amendola

Achievements of the Government of President Manuel Zelaya

Paradoxically, the government of President José Manuel Zelaya Rosales had the most successful indicators of all democratic governments in Honduras since 1980, it achieved the highest economic growth rate of 7% over the years (2006-2007) the largest foreign investment, lower debt, the largest public investment, but above all the most significant and important reduction of poverty throughout the country's history, which is undoubtedly his greatest achievement. All this without having established new taxes or increased taxes.

The free tuition, school meals, the solidarity bonus, price reduction and fuel allowance, the application of the rule of 60° for the commercialization of fuel, the rescue of public enterprises: ENEE and HONDUTEL, the drop in bank interest rate, the bond agricultural technology, free replacement of energy-saving bulbs, mass literacy programs, funding for micro businesses, the ban on forest cutting, banning open pit mining, the electric energy project for the 700 thousand poorest families in the country, rescuing Palmerola military base to a civilian airport, increasing international reserves, the opposition to the devaluation of the currency (Lempira) against the dollar, PETROCARIBE and incorporation into the ALBA and the 60% increase in the minimum wage to the entire working class, reaching \$ 150 to \$ 230 dollars a month, are just a sample of government actions in the national interest and particularly the poorest.

President Zelaya's Government was far from been a populist government, on the contrary, it strongly promoted private investment both national and international, as a result of various incentives and active participation on the subscription of Free Trade Agreements (FTA). Any neither foreign nor Honduran company nor enterprise suffered nationalization or expropriation from government.

All the implementation laws and mechanism for RD-CAFTA were crated, equally the negotiation and entry into force of FTA with Chile, Colombia, Panama and Taiwan were concluded, and the negotiations of an Association Agreement with the European Union were started. Furthermore the Central American Integration was endorsed through and active participation in the Customary Union. At the same time, Honduras achieved for the first time in history first places in the "Doing Business" index of the World Bank for improvements in competitively and waiting times to open a business. Moreover, a history high was reached in exports enhancement, construction activity and banks business. Taking into consideration, a strong process of infrastructure works, that includes ports, airports and roads.

Puerto Cortes was declared the first safe port of Latin America, under the Safe Container Initiative

An important participation of Honduras on international forum and in the framework of fight against drugs can be underline, however some limitations. President Zelaya triggered off within the Central American region the reactivation of the Central American Security Commission. In the Summit that took place in Zambrano, Honduras in 2007 a Central American Joint Security Strategy was established, with the participation of Mexico, the USA and the EU, provided an important outcome with the participation of the Central American Presidents in the Merida Initiative.

Poder Ciudadano Proposal

Our policy proposal Poder Ciudadano incorporated new forms of participation for Hondurans: Poder Ciudadano permanent assemblies at various locations in the country, open doors and permanent presence in the Government sector, social inclusion and support for organizations and individuals in the analysis and solution of national problems.

Finally, given the inconsistencies and limitations in the Constitution of the Republic and the Electoral Law, which restricts the Plebiscite and Referendum Act of citizens' constitutional rights, the Government adopted the Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information Act on Citizen Participation, proceeded to the first massive public participation exercise through a survey whose results were not binding.

The survey was designed for us to express whether or not we agree to install a fourth ballot during the general elections day (November 29, 2009). In case of obtaining a majority for the "yes" response, a bill would be sent to Congress that would regulate the installation of the fourth ballot for the people to rule whether or not it was agreed that the next government to convene a National Constituent Assembly as a mostly peaceful and democratic exercise designed to give citizens effective participation in making major decisions in the country.

Why the coup?

The "owners" of Honduras would not welcome a government that left his "control" and not looking after their own interests and perpetuating their privileges, but giving opportunities to the poorest and to propose in Honduras development plan processes and mechanisms of direct democracy. These families did not understand the message and could not contain their anger at the words of the people, **"MEL IS THE ONLY PRESIDENT THAT HAS HELPED US, WHO HAS REMEMBERED US, WHICH HAS DEFENDED THE POOREST"**.

They unleashed a dirty war, vicious and relentless against the government of President Zelaya, their media, their servants, their organizations, companies and all their resources, they invented and repeated a thousand times their lies: that

President Zelaya wanted to perpetuate in power, which would be reelected, who was handing the country to communism and wanted to give the coup, among others.

Despite their tight media control and unlimited financial resources, the "owners of Honduras" could not fight with ideas, reasons, or through peaceful means proposals for citizen participation, hence it took the worst decision: to use brute force, violence, and barbarism and plunge Honduras into the dark night of a military coup.

After the military coup led by these Honduras owners and their puppet politicians, after having banished the President elected by the people and his Cabinet by force of arms, they have continued their war, trying to discredit all actions in favor citizen participation in democracy in Honduras.

As masters and owners of the holders of the Supreme Court, the Public Prosecutor, Court of Auditors, the Electoral Court, the Attorney General's Office and the National Commissioner of Human Rights ordered them to invent charges and accusations of all kinds, ranging from treason, abuse of power, corruption, administrative errors, and so on, and without following even the most elementary steps of due process, much less allow the sacred right to defend the persecuted many arrest warrants against the President of the Republic and several of his ministers have been signed.

Meanwhile, the criminals and the responsible for the coup remain unpunished in the country, committing crimes against humanity against a society that is holding a peaceful and unarmed resistance, responding only with their honor, their dignity and their blood for their tireless desire for a return to constitutional order.

Unpunished Crimes

The Honduran people are not deceived, they know very well who are the ones that have gripped the country using criminal methods, becoming masters of everything, they have sold the country to increase his fortune, the same thieves, the "chinazo" , those of "gasolinazo" the traffic and purchase of arms, who have seized the funds of the National Congress for his political campaigns and now they have stolen the people's sovereign right to choose democratically at the polls, its President, they are the ones who have repressed the people responsible for missing and murdered Hondurans, who have broken the banks, those who traffic in medicines, drugs, fuel and influences. And remain unpunished.

II. AUTHORS OF THE COUP. CATEGORIES.-

- a. First Category: In this first category are the masterminds and financiers of the coup d'etat. A) Former President Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé, owner of the daily La Tribuna and an active partner through proxies of several companies and whose political collaborators of years are the executors of the coup. B)

Jorge Canahuati Larach owner of daily El Heraldo and La Prensa, an influential member of the Association of 3 privately owned Media. C) Jose Rafael Ferrari, owner of Emisoras Unidas and Televiscentro, D) Ricardo Maduro, former President of the Republic, owner of banks, schools, stores, and media communication E) Camilo Atala, banker and principal shareholder of several international companies and bank Ficohsa. F) Freddy Nasser, president and principal shareholder of Grupo Terra, and the energy generation sector by the executive who recently vetoed the amendments to the bill of incentives for clean energy generation, which contained an article which gave a profit of about 50 million just to Mr. Nasser. G) Arturo Alvarez Corrales, owner of concessions in the energy sector, partner of former President Carlos Flores and his chief negotiator in every action that intends to implement. H) Transnational fuel companies.

The central figures in the political coup in this category are: the Liberal Party Candidate Elvin Ernesto Santos (whose Adjutant with surname Pacheco, participated in the assault on the residence on June 28, 2009 at 5:10¹). His main adviser is former President Flores, and in the National Party Porfirio Lobo Sosa.

Without the approval of all the candidates set for such an act criminal conspiracy against the democratic system, would have been impossible since they conspired with their bloc of deputies to illegally bring down President Zelaya and therefore Michelleti was appointed dictator in his place.

- b. Second Category:** In the second category includes military and political perpetrators: A) Roberto Michelleti, President of National Congress, which called itself "constitutional president", without any attribution for it. This man is a veteran and unconditional collaborator of former President Flores. B) Luis Alberto Avila Ruby current Attorney General, Roberto Michelleti newly appointed National Congress and former collaborator and unconditional release of former President Flores. C) Roy Urtecho, current Adjoint Attorney General, recently appointed by Congress, was proposed by direct negotiations of Mrs. Vilma Cecilia Morales, former president of the Supreme Court and former employee of Robert Michelleti in the Honduran Telecommunications Company. D) Avilez Jorge Alberto Rivera, President of the Supreme Court, newly appointed by Congress and former direct collaborator of former President Flores. E) Thomas Arita Valle, Judge of the Supreme Court, newly appointed by Congress and former collaborator and unconditional release of former President Flores. F) Ricardo Alvarez, President of the National Party (main opposition party) and Mayor of the Capital City. It is to date the developer and financier of the so-called "peace marches" in which he has incorporated into more than three thousand employees of the City Hall. G) Oscar Andrés

¹ As the testimony of a member of the Presidential Honor Guard, Pacheco was one of the members and responsible for the operative.

Rodríguez Maradiaga, the current Cardinal of the Catholic Church, who publicly endorsed and through a statement, the violent departure of the President, saying that "hoping there will be no bloodshed." H) All the deputies to the National Congress, that on June 28 were not called to condemn the kidnapping and illegal extradition of the President of the Republic, but to adopt an illegal legislative decree, through which "legalized" the military coup and proceeded without authority to "constitutional name" Robert Michelleti as President. I) The judges of the Supreme Court.

Executors (military): A) General Romeo Vasquez Velasquez, Chief of Joint Staff; B) General Miguel Angel Garcia Padgett, chief of the army, who has publicly stated that "with the action executed stopped communism from Venezuela to reach the United States.. " B) General Prince Luis Javier Suazo, Chief of the Air Force. C) Rear Admiral Juan Pablo Rodriguez Rodriguez, Chief of the Navy. D) Daniel Lopez Carballo, Former Chief of the Joint Chiefs during the administration of former President Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé, and E) Billy Joya Améndola, a former soldier tried for human rights violations in the 80s, disappearances, torture and extrajudicial killings, now a security adviser to Mr. Roberto Michelleti Bain.

- c. Third Category: This category consists of transnational fuel and exporters, who insisted on their behalf, to reverse the reform process to the parity formula of fuels and the elimination of the law of 60 °. As with the devaluation of the Lempira against the dollar.

III. BREACH OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF EVERYONE.

- a) *Assault at home, kidnapping and forced exile of the Constitutional President Zelaya.*
- b) *Subsequently prove a case without trial and without due process.*

- c) ***False Resignation of President .- crime of forging public documents.***
- d) ***Legislative Agreement ousted President Manuel Zelaya Rosales with no constitutional or legal support.- aberrant precedent that must not go unpunished.***
- e) ***The involvement of the Attorney General Luis Alberto Rubio, the Plenary of Judges of the Supreme Court and Judge Tomás Arita Valle in the conspiracy for the coup.***
- f) ***After the coup d'état, the Supreme Court states: Manuel Zelaya Rosales is no longer President and therefore must held trial by ordinary courts. Criminal Judge Normandina Iris Ortiz enters the process.***
- g) ***Political persecution of the Government Cabinet members.- The criminalization of all behaviors. Arbitrary use of criminal law as a first ratio.-***
- h) ***Curfews .- Illegality and violation of individual rights.***
- i) ***De Facto officials are committing the crime of usurpation of functions.-***

IV. INTERNAL RESISTANCE – AN EXAMPLE OF DIGNITY AND STRUGGLE

V. CONDEMNATION AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE.

- a. **Energic condemnation to the Coup d'Etat.**
- b. **Confirmation of Human Rights violations of every man or woman who proclaims or is against the de facto regime.**
- c. **Restrictions on civil liberties and media manipulation.-**
- d. **Role of the National Human Rights Commissioner.**

VI. LEGIMITATION AND IMPUNITY PRETENSION OF THE COUP D'ETAT THROUGH A FRAUDULENT ELECTORAL PROCESS AND WITH THE PRESIDENT IN EXILE REPRESENTING THE BIGGEST POLITICAL FORCE.

VII. CONCLUSIONS:

1. The coup in Honduras is a factual response groups to prevent the further process of reforms of social content and perpetuate their traditional economic and commercial interests with strong external linkages.
2. The coup is the return of the fascist practices in Honduras have installed a dictatorship that is running criminal murder, rape, torture and political persecution, as it has found the international community.
3. With the coup, was proven once again that the existence of the Armed Forces in Honduras, has only served to perpetrate coups and promote a system of repression against human rights and democratic order.
4. The coup is an affront to the democratic aspirations of the peoples of Latin America, their governments and their presidents, and has shown that despite the public condemnation made by President Barack Obama, conservative groups in the United States support the coup, still dominate the monopoly of power in that nation.
5. The decisions of multilateral bodies such as the Organization of the United Nations and the OAS condemned the coup and ignoring the de facto regime, like the mediation proposal by Secretary Hillary Clinton have been flouted and are being defeated by the intransigence the coup regime and the lack of international instruments to compel compliance with them.
6. We confirm that the Government of President Zelaya, with the goal of restoring democracy by peaceful means, has reiterated its acceptance to the Agreement proposed by President Oscar Arias has expressed his determination to sign in Tegucigalpa before the first September 2009.
7. We reiterate that the people have the constitutional right to revolt when the government imposes a usurper. The Honduran people today will never accept a dictatorship resists, or participate in an electoral process that seeks to impunity and the strengthening of the insurgents, or accept the surrender of constitutional law.

8. Our principles for the defense of our country, social reform and people's rights are not negotiable, therefore, STRUGGLING TO OVERCOME.

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