



Latin American and Caribbean

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Mr. Arriagada has members of the delegation

agreed to

following statement

We are committed to the sovereignty, with respect to our affairs. We are aware of which Mexico rights all the people defend each other's rights

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respectful in Mexico of democracy in the action universal igation to

Our principal witness the observation by first like to thank the assistance but fair, al critic

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With little common ground, national election observers are often perceived as partial to the opposition. This has been the concern in Mexico. There are of the observer groups a critical of the government their capable of performing t

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According to the logic of the  
stands in the way  
vote count is fair

an election did not exist.  
statement, the only issue that  
Michoacan. is whether the in

the Observers can and did play other important roles. During  
elections in Michoacan, the observers were not only present to  
to be being a matter that located the political violence led  
la Democracia in Michoacan. The night count by the Consejo Nacio-  
tion-monitoring, and Chihuahua was an exceptional example of elec-  
to accept the results, perhaps helped to permit all sides to  
resources quickly. Unfortunately, the observers  
fairly had fair access to a quick count in  
the Atlas, they could  
establish the accuracy of the vote count

#### IV. Summary and Conclusion

Were the elections in Michoacan and  
that is the question you would like  
need to stay for the questions. We did not  
judge the elections, to have observed  
would need to be so long before the  
large teams have done quickly  
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Chihuahua free and fair?  
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in the electoral system to ensure that

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are purged by the pacif-  
opposition parties and public  
confidence in the fairness  
the most positive element

The local observer groups are new  
dedicated and could play a vital role  
they are often a vital part of  
process that is essential to be-  
cal impartiality. Such a role may  
parties in deep, and the political  
hope the system accountable. We  
per environment will be created to  
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might observer groups

renewed by the political  
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election observers to play  
be prepared to help