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### **Statement of the SI Council on the Mexican elections**

Mexico faces a crucial election on 2 June, with 98 million citizens casting ballots for over 20,000 offices, including the president and federal representatives. There are concerns, however, about the pervasive influences of organised crime, which has infiltrated social and political spheres, endangering the integrity of the electoral process. The opposition, government institutions and electoral bodies face systematic persecution and threats, undermining the principles of democracy.

Since 2018, Mexico has witnessed more than 180,000 violent murders, which is indicative of the growing control exercised by criminal organisations. In the 2021 mid-term elections, over 1,000 candidates were targeted, resulting in 102 deaths. In 2024, the murder of at least five candidates highlights the dangerous political landscape.

The fairness and security of the upcoming election are in doubt, as organised crime seeks to manipulate the results through violence and intimidation. This poses a direct threat to Mexico's democratic foundations and confidence in its institutions. International observers and democratic allies should closely monitor the situation to ensure electoral integrity and support efforts to combat the influence of organised crime.

It is important to work against the actions of organized crime and reinforce public institutions as the lack of action could further undermine confidence in democratic processes and lead to regression. Failure to act could further undermine confidence in democratic processes and lead to regression. Concerted action is therefore essential to counter the threats posed by organised crime and preserve Mexico's democratic aspirations.

The Socialist International underlines the danger that organised crime represents for democracy in Mexico, and calls upon progressive parties to fight for appropriate solutions.

As part of its mission to strengthen democratic values, the Socialist International encourages its member parties to mobilise as part of an election observation mission in Mexico.

The Socialist International calls for the protection of the electoral process in Mexico, particularly by:

- Guaranteeing the integrity of the electoral process on 2 June and the safety of candidates in the face of pressure and threats from organised crime.
- Preserving freedom of expression and freedom of the press, expressing solidarity with journalists who have been attacked.
- Guaranteeing the balance of power and the independence of the legislative and judicial branches in the face of attacks on legislators and ministers.