



**Declaration supporting
Movimiento al Socialismo - Instrumento Político por la Soberanía de los Pueblos
(MAS-IPSP) for the Bolivian General Election**

We, MEPs of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), express our solidarity with Bolivian people ahead of the General Election in the Plurinational State of Bolivia on October 20th.

We would also like to highlight the efforts of the current Bolivian Government in their process of social, economic and environmental development, which is a reference for progressive movements in Latin America and beyond.

Since the Movimiento al Socialismo got to government in 2006, the Plurinational State of Bolivia put in place redistributive measures that have lifted 1.8 million people out of poverty. They have also improved the access of the population to their rights, and have become one of the countries in the region with a lowest school dropout rate at 1.5%. In the field of healthcare, they have put in place the Single Health System, which has gradually expanded public and free access to this right to 51% of the population during the present mandate, and treats all forms of cancer. This has granted access to the right to healthcare to over 5 million people previously excluded from it with the creation of 1,061 new health centres. We also want to highlight the importance given by the Bolivian government in making this development environmentally sustainable, and particularly the efforts already recognised by different international organisations in the extinction of the forest fires in the region of Chiquitania.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia must continue advancing in these policies of sustainable development, and achieve the proposal of increasing by five the production of renewable energy in the next mandate. It must also continue advancing in the inclusion of the indigenous population, as well as youth and women (which already make up 51% of the current Legislative Assembly). This is why we express our support to comrade President Evo Morales as leader of the candidacy of Movimiento al Socialismo - Instrumento Político por la Soberanía de los Pueblos (MAS-IPSP) for the upcoming general election.

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