



## CCO REVEALS PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES FOR CHILE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Progress was observed in terms of strengthening democratic governance, transparency, and access to information, but there is a lack of development of regulations that protect the rights of individuals in the matter of anti-corruption reports. Regarding the financing of political organizations and electoral campaigns, the recent progress in the strengthening of the rules that regulate the operation, financing and role of parties and electoral campaigns is highlighted, and in terms of public purchases and contracting, it is considered that the procurement processes have a good framework in relation to the region but it is still behind the current needs of the country.

**Chile, October 27, 2021.** On this day, the organization Chile Transparente [Transparent Chile], Fundación Multitudes Espacio Público [Foundation Multitudes Public Space], Observatorio del gasto fiscal [Fiscal Expenditure Observatory], Fast Check, Otros Cruces [Other crossroads], Asociación Chilena de Voluntarios [Volunteers Association of Chile], Emilio Moya, Waleska Muñoz and Academia de la Lengua y Cultura Mapuche [Language and Culture Academy of the Mapuche People], as part of the Citizen Corruption Observatory (CCO), presented the report results of the follow-up on the Lima Agreement “**Democratic Governance against Corruption**”, signed at the VIII Summit of the Americas in 2018, which aims at keeping a direct fight against corruption in the Americas.

Among the findings of the report, it is revealed that Chile has constitutional autonomy and independence in judicial matters, a regulatory framework that seeks to promote merit and open processes in matters of public employment, extensive regulation on administrative probity and prevention of conflict of interest; there's also constitutional recognition of the principles of probity and transparency. However, there is an absence of the development of regulations that protect the rights of individuals in relation to anti-corruption reports, as well as policies and official channels for complaints, in addition to the strengthening of the government and digital participation to facilitate the fight against corruption.

Regarding electoral financing, the recent progress in the strengthening of the rules that regulate the operation, financing and role of parties and electoral campaigns is highlighted. Regarding public purchases, the existing instruments focus on the tools that prevent the misuse of public resources; however, there are no tools to prevent, or clauses that focus on anti-corruption. In addition, the system lacks a registry of final beneficiaries of State supplier companies.

In Chile there is no legal framework that facilitates international legal cooperation in anti-corruption. On the other hand, there is a lack of effective mechanisms to recover assets from acts of corruption.

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Among its recommendations, the information collected shows the need to develop participatory anti-corruption regulations, strengthen the intelligence of data analysis, promote preventive anti-corruption mechanisms, delimit the assets resulting from corruption; and strengthen equitable access to public employment.

The analysis was done by identifying the regulatory and practical developments in order to comply with the Lima Agreement in 19 countries of the region. Subjects related to the reinforcement of democratic governance were considered; transparency, access to information, protection of whistle-blowers, and human rights, including freedom of expression; financing of political organizations and election campaigns; prevention of corruption in public works and public procurement and contracting; and international legal cooperation, the fight against bribery, international corruption, organized crime, and money laundering, and asset recovery.

The CCO is a shared effort between the **Citizen Forum of the Americas (CFA)**, the **Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (LACND)**, **national chapters of Transparency International (TI) in Latin America and over 150 Civil Society Organizations** in the Americas to promote citizen participation and to monitor the progress of the governments measures and their challenges, as well as to research, document and systematically analyze evidence on the effectiveness of the anti-corruption efforts in the region.



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