



## THE CITIZEN CORRUPTION OBSERVATORY (CCO) PRESENTS A BALANCE OF THE LIMA COMMITMENTS FOR MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA

- 19 countries, including Mexico, followed up on the actions derived from OAS Summit of Lima

**México, October 29, 2021.** Organizations from Latin America and from the whole country collaborated with the Citizen Corruption Observatory (CCO) to prepare the follow-up report 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.

One of the highlighted issues in the report in the case of Mexico is the lack of independence of the general and specialized prosecutors in the matter. Despite the fact that many of them enjoy constitutional autonomy, in reality they are subordinated in a political or budgetary way to the executive powers.

The other challenge for these prosecutors is to avoid that the selection of investigations is made only with political or electoral criteria. Most of the cases investigated refer to corruption cases of previous administrations or opposition groups, but it is not easy to identify a policy for the criminal investigation in corruption that is objective and open.

Anticorruption efforts at the federal and state levels have focused on preventive actions and not on reaching sanctions, asset recovery, and reparation of damage to victims.

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.

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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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