

XVII CONFERENCE

INTER-AMERICAN UNION OF ELECTORAL BODIES (UNIORE)

**5-6 November 2025
Asunción, Paraguay**

The delegates, representing the Electoral Bodies of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, and Uruguay, gathered at the XVII Conference of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Bodies, held in the city of Asunción, Paraguay, on 5-6 November 2025, in our capacity as members of UNIORE;

Reaffirming our unwavering commitment to democracy as the system that enables people to exercise their freedom and sovereignty fully, and to enjoy their civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.

Having concluded our deliberations;

AGREE

1. To take note of the Report of Activities submitted by the Executive Secretariat of UNIORE for the period from August 16, 2023 to October 15, 2025.
2. Admit the Fifth Section of the Council of State of Colombia as a member of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Bodies (UNIORE) and extend a cordial welcome to its authorities.
3. To reiterate the firm commitment of the electoral bodies and their authorities in fulfilling their duties, even in the face of increasing attacks and threats against them, a situation that deserves special attention and condemnation.
4. To deplore that attacks against the electoral bodies and their members have, in some cases, gone beyond a legitimate assessment of their performance, and to urge that all evaluations be



conducted solely through constitutional and legal procedures, avoiding challenges in political or media spaces that undermine the rights derived from popular sovereignty.

5. To reaffirm that citizens' trust in electoral processes is a fundamental pillar of democracy, and that, for UNIORE, it is a priority to strengthen information, communication, and civic education to consolidate credibility in electoral institutions.
6. To emphasize that security at all stages of the electoral processes—addressed in its criminal, IT, operational, and communication dimensions—is essential to guarantee their integrity and credibility.
7. To recognize that electoral security, at the regional level, constitutes public good and not merely a national prerogative. In this regard, the creation and strengthening of regional early warning mechanisms on electoral risks, within the framework of UNIORE, contribute to crisis prevention and the reinforcement of the integrity of electoral processes.
8. To promote collective cyber resilience in the face of growing threats that impact trust in electoral processes, and the willingness to foster a joint and coordinated effort for the adoption of a common foundation of good practices in Information Security and Cybersecurity. The electoral bodies commit to identifying and adopting a Minimum Common Security Framework based on international standards, adapted to the region, and to developing a Basic Regional Protocol for security governance to ensure the rapid and effective management of risks.
9. To establish a Network of Permanent Technical Liaisons among the signatory bodies, which will facilitate the timely and confidential exchange of alerts on threats and vulnerabilities. Additionally, a Regional Training Program will be promoted for technical and managerial personnel. Actions will also focus on transparency and citizen trust, strengthening strategies to combat disinformation and ensuring the proper protection of voters' personal data. Finally, the Executive Secretariat is tasked with coordinating and monitoring these commitments, ensuring that cooperation translates into safer and more reliable electoral systems for the entire region.
10. To express support for the existence of sufficient conditions and guarantees that ensure the proper exercise of the electoral judicial function, to preserve legal certainty in electoral processes and the Constitutional Democratic Rule of Law.
11. Highlight that disinformation in electoral processes should be considered from two perspectives: the first related to campaigns and the actions of political actors; and the second,



when such practices affect or threaten the organization of the process and the work of the authorities of electoral bodies. In the latter case, these bodies must have adequate mechanisms to protect their institutional integrity and safeguard the electoral process.

12. To take an interest in the actions of specialized units or sections within electoral bodies focused on monitoring digital media, with the aim of detecting, correcting, or clarifying false or incorrect information. Likewise, to consider the possibility of establishing partnerships with media outlets, civil society organizations, and other relevant actors to generate coordinated responses to disinformation.
13. To take note that the increase in digital threats, coordinated disinformation campaigns, and cyber risks affects public confidence in electoral processes, and to acknowledge Magistrate Alfredo Juncá Wendehake's proposal regarding a Digital Protection Strategy for the Electoral Process, seeking to establish common regional standards for media literacy, responsibility in political digital communication, and institutional resilience against cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns always respecting the integrity of freedom of speech. In this regard, to instruct the UNIORE Executive Secretariat to establish a Technical-Legal Working Group, with representation from the member bodies, for the adaptation, harmonization, and proposal of regional implementation of these instruments.
14. To emphasize that ensuring the integrity and security of institutional procedures is an essential pillar for the exercise of the right to political participation, including the material, logistical, and informational protection of electoral processes.
15. To state that horizontal cooperation, expressed through mechanisms such as the observation and accompaniment of elections, represents an effective means of identifying good practices and common challenges, contributing to the strengthening of strategies that mitigate risks threatening electoral security.
16. To welcome the increase in cooperation and information-sharing activities carried out over the past two years and to highlight the importance of the experiences shared among member bodies which have significantly contributed to the strengthening of institutional capacities and the improvement of electoral processes in the region.
17. To express recognition to the electoral bodies that, selflessly, have made available to UNIORE the collaboration of their authorities and officials, who have supported and contributed to the strengthening of other electoral bodies, thereby reaffirming the principles of cooperation and mutual support that characterize UNIORE.



18. To acknowledge that, in an unprecedented context for Costa Rican electoral processes, the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of that country is being subjected to a systematic campaign of disinformation and political attacks aimed at undermining confidence in the electoral judges and national elections to be held on February 1, 2026. In this regard, to recognize the track record that has characterized Costa Rican electoral judges.
19. To express concern about the obstacles to the normal conduct of the electoral process in Honduras, and to urge all parties and institutions involved to act with democratic responsibility, ensuring the necessary conditions for the elections on the upcoming Sunday, November 30, to take place peacefully, transparently, and in accordance with the current legal framework.
20. To accept the kind offer from the Office of the Electoral Comptroller and the State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico for the country to host the 18th Conference of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Bodies, to be held in 2027.

CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Conference:

- Express its gratitude to the Electoral Tribunal of Panama and specially to Magistrate Alfredo Juncá for his outstanding commitment to UNIORE and his performance as president of this Association during the 2023–2025 term.
- Expresses its gratitude to the Superior Electoral Court of Paraguay, in the person of its President Jaime Bestard Duschek and Ministers Jorge Enrique Bogarín González and César Rossel for the excellent organization of the 17th UNIORE Conference, which provided a high-level platform for the exchange of experiences and cooperation among the electoral bodies of the continent.
- Recognize to the officials of the Superior Electoral Court of Paraguay for the excellent organization of this 17th Conference. Their professionalism and commitment decisively contributed to the success of this event.
- Thanks Mr. Eduardo Núñez for his opening lecture at this 17th UNIORE Conference on the topic “Electoral Security: An Indispensable Condition for the Integrity of Elections.” His presentation provided a profound reflection on the challenges and opportunities faced by electoral bodies to ensure transparent, reliable, and secure processes in the region.



- Recognize the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), through its programmatic area, the Center for Electoral Advice and Promotion (CAPEL), Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Bodies, for its work in strengthening UNIORE and for the support provided to the Superior Electoral Court (TSJE) of Paraguay in organizing the Conference.

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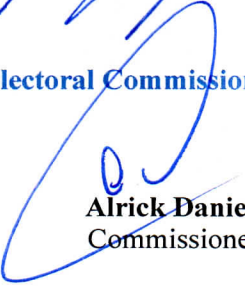
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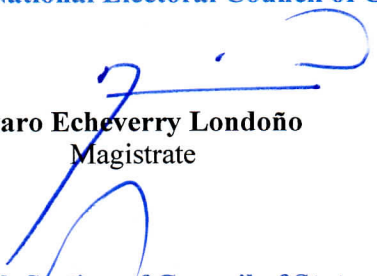
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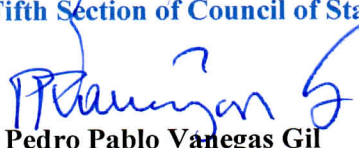
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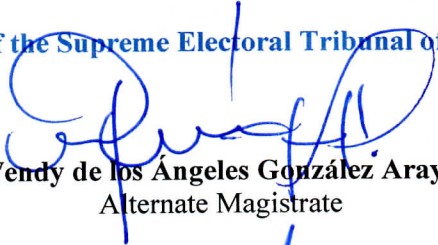

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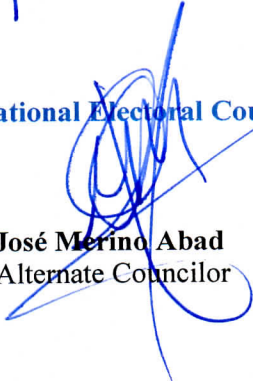

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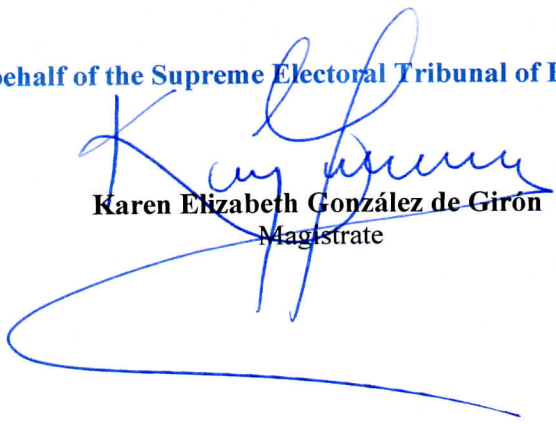
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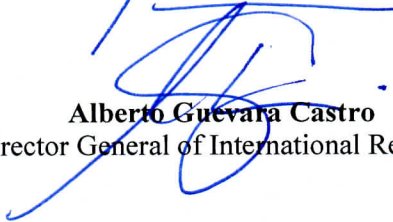
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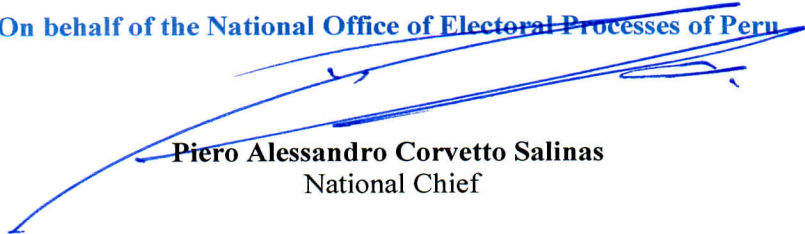
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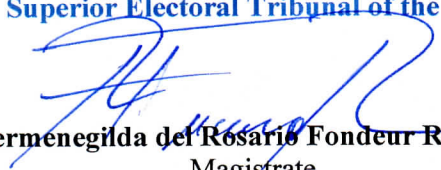
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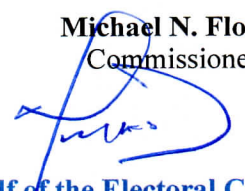
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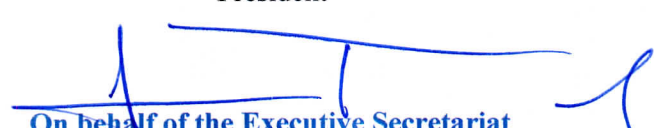

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