

PRELIMINARY REPORT
Election Observation Mission of the
Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)



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PARLIAMENTARIANS CONGRATULATE THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

A delegation from the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA), led by the Chair of COPA's Democracy and Peace Commission, Mathieu Lévesque, Member of the National Assembly of Quebec, observed the general elections held on August 17, 2025, in Bolivia.

On election day, the delegation members were deployed in the cities of La Paz, El Alto, and Laja to observe the electoral process in 15 polling stations, from the opening of the polls to the counting of votes and the transmission of results. The delegation members noted that the electoral process had been respected and that the elections had proceeded calmly. They also highlighted the high turnout of Bolivian citizens, their civic-mindedness, and their involvement in the electoral process.

The MOE/COPA congratulates the electoral authorities for the smooth running of election day, despite the complex political and social context. The parliamentarians commend the work accomplished by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) and the departmental electoral tribunals (TED) in organizing these elections, as well as the transparency and availability they demonstrated throughout the process. The mission also highlighted the smooth functioning of the rapid results transmission system (SIREPRE), which for the first time provided preliminary results of a general election on the same day as the vote.

On election day, MOE/COPA members noted that all polling stations had the necessary electoral materials. Most of the stations observed opened at 8 a.m., with a few isolated cases of delays due to the absence of election officials.

COPA members noted that the rules on assisted voting were well respected in the stations observed. Most polling stations gave priority and assistance to elderly and disabled people. Although the polling stations had an information point, the MOE/COPA recommends placing a person at the entrance of each polling station to direct citizens to the electoral rolls and their polling stations, as well as to assist those entitled to assisted voting. In some polling stations, MOE/COPA members found that the polling station facilities were more difficult to access because they were located upstairs. All polling stations benefited from the presence of the police or armed forces.

With regard to the counting of votes, COPA observers noted that operations ran smoothly and praised the professionalism of the electoral notaries who assisted the electoral jurors in carrying out the electoral process. All the polling stations observed had completed the counting of votes and filled out the reports before 7 p.m.

In addition to observing the electoral process, the COPA delegation met with civil society actors, journalists, the media, international organizations, and national and international observation missions to hear different perspectives on the elections and learn about the political situation in the country. The MOE/COPA would like to highlight the participation of national observers, who contributed to the smooth running of the elections and the integrity of the electoral process.

A full report by the MOE/COPA containing all the observations of the delegation members will be drafted and sent to the Bolivian electoral and political authorities.

This is COPA's 19th election observation mission and its third in Bolivia. With increasing activity in the field of election observation on the continent, COPA confirms its commitment to the consolidation of democracy. Founded in Quebec City in 1997, COPA is an interparliamentary organization that brings together all the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, and federated states, as well as regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas.

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