

PRESS RELEASE
Election observation mission of
the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)



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**PARLIAMENTARIANS CONGRATULATE THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE ON THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION PROCESS**

A bipartisan delegation from the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA), composed of 17 observers, monitored the general elections held on April 12, 2026, in Peru. The mission was led by COPA's Regional Vice President for the Caribbean, Gabriel Rodríguez Aguiló, a representative of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico.

On Election Day, members of the delegation were deployed throughout the cities of Lima and Callao to observe the electoral process at 37 polling stations and 121 polling tables, from the opening of the polls through the counting of votes and the transmission of results. The parliamentarians noted significant delays in the opening of several polling stations, due to the absence of polling station staff and delays in the receipt and setup of election materials. Some issues were also observed in the implementation of the Technological Solution to Support Vote Counting (STAE). These delays caused some frustration among voters, who had to wait several hours before being able to cast their ballots. It should be noted that, due to a lack of election materials, 13 polling stations in Lima were unable to open on Election Day, preventing 55,261 voters from exercising their right to vote.

The MOE/COPA welcomes the decisions made by the National Elections Board (JNE) and the National Office of Electoral Processes (ONPE) to extend the opening hours of polling stations until 2:00 p.m. and voting hours until 6:00 p.m. on April 12, as well as to extend voting until April 13, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at polling stations that could not be opened on Election Day.

Overall, the members of the delegation noted that the electoral process was respected and that the elections took place peacefully. Likewise, the parliamentarians highlighted the significant participation of Peruvian citizens, their civic spirit, and their involvement in the smooth conduct of election day, which took place against a complex political and social backdrop. The parliamentarians acknowledge the work carried out by the JNE and the ONPE in organizing these elections, as well as the transparency and openness they have demonstrated throughout the entire process.

On Election Day, the MOE/COPA identified accessibility issues at several polling stations. Although the polling stations were equipped with facilities for people with disabilities and a temporary voting booth, the parliamentarians observed that some voters had difficulty reaching their polling station due to the lack of access ramps and the location of the stations on upper floors. Nevertheless, the delegation members highlighted the priority attention that polling station staff gave to older adults and people with disabilities. Although the polling stations

Although there were a sufficient number of election staff, the MOE/COPA recommends stationing one person at the entrance of each polling place to direct voters to the polling stations. Police or armed forces personnel were present at all polling places.

Regarding the vote count, COPA observers noted that the counting process was conducted effectively and highlighted the professionalism of the election staff who assisted polling station officials in carrying out the electoral process. Most of the polling stations observed completed the count and filled out the presidential-level tally sheets before 8:00 p.m. The delegation also noted a limited presence of political party representatives.

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

A comprehensive MOE/COPA report containing all observations from delegation members will be drafted and sent to Peru's electoral authorities.

This is COPA's 20th election observation mission, and its second in Peru. With increasing activity in electoral observation across the continent, COPA reaffirms its commitment to the consolidation of democracy. Founded in Quebec in 1997, COPA is an interparliamentary organization that includes all 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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