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THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA^{1/}

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its virtual special meeting held on June 15, 2021)

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

RECALLING its previous statements, resolutions and mandates, adopted since 2018, in support of the restoration of democratic institutions and respect for human rights in Nicaragua;

EXPRESSING alarm at the recent deterioration of the political climate and human rights situation in Nicaragua, including the misuse of legislation and actions to intimidate and threaten members of the opposition and the press and to restrict political participation; and

CONCLUDING that the measures adopted by the Government of Nicaragua do not meet the conditions for transparent, free and fair elections to which all member states have committed under the Inter-American Democratic Charter, which calls into question the legitimacy of the November elections as presently being organized,

RESOLVES:

1. To express grave concern with the fact that the Government of Nicaragua has not implemented, as of May 2021, electoral reform measures consistent with applicable international standards to ensure the scheduled November 2021 elections are free and fair.

2. To unequivocally condemn the arrest, harassment, and arbitrary restrictions placed on presidential candidates, political parties, and independent media and to call for the immediate release of presidential candidates and all political prisoners.

3. To strongly urge the Government of Nicaragua to implement without delay legislative and other measures consistent with applicable international standards to promote transparent, free and fair elections in November, including welcoming OAS and other international election observers.

4. To continue monitoring the electoral process in Nicaragua, for its consideration and possible submission to the General Assembly.

1. For Guatemala, this resolution does not give rise to the application of Article 21 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter regarding the suspension of a State from the exercise of its right to participate in the Organization of American States.