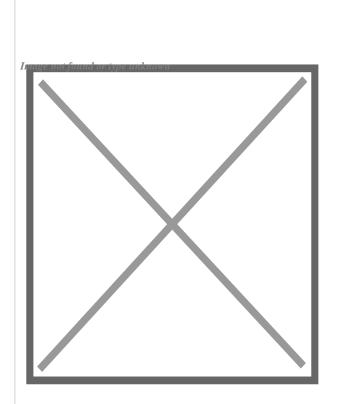
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La Paz, June 18 (RHC)-- Bolivian President Luis Arce has affirmed that he "will not fall into the game of the right wing" of "splitting" the MAS-IPSP and called to maintain the unity of the Bolivian people to guarantee the continuity of the process of change.

"We are not going to fall into the game of division. We are not going to fall into the game of the right wing of trying to split the social organizations and split our Political Instrument. We are not going to fall into that," he said during the first Intercultural Festival in commemoration of the 54th anniversary of the Union Federation of Intercultural Communities Agricultural Producers of Santa Cruz.

Luis Arce assured that before his government he bet on the unity of the social organizations and the MAS-IPSP, because it is the condition that allowed winning the October 2020 elections with more than 55% of electoral support.

"A sine qua non condition for us to win the 2020 elections and for our process to continue was the unity of our social organizations, it is the unity of the Political Instrument, it is the unity of the Bolivian people and with a single objective: to guarantee that our Process of Change goes ahead", he insisted.

He expressed his position at a time when the MAS leadership, which includes former President Evo Morales and MAS Vice President Gerardo García, decided to prohibit the elected authorities and public officials from participating in the national, departmental, regional, provincial, municipal and sectorial congresses, in view of the next national assembly called for June 22 in Cochabamba.

The Minister of the Presidency, María Nela Prada, qualified on Wednesday as "veto to internal democracy" the resolution 002 which prohibits elected authorities and public officials to be part of MAS decisions.

Meanwhile, social sectors and social bases of MAS pronounced themselves from different regions of Bolivia in rejection to the decision taken by Morales, and ratified their "full backing and support" to the government of President Arce and Vice President David Choquehuanca.

For Arce, the Process of Change "is not one person, it is not two people." Paraphrasing Vice President David Choquehuanca, he assured that before Tupac Katari was assassinated he said: "we will return and we will be millions, not one or two, millions and that is what we have to work for."

"The social organizations are owners of our Political Instrument, they are owners of our national government", he insisted. The Trade Union Confederation of Native Intercultural Communities of Bolivia (CSCIOB) ratified in the Santa Cruz event its full support to the government.

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