

Opposition in Brazil Calls for Audit of Presidential Election Results



Rio de Janeiro, October 31 (RHC-PL) – Former Brazilian Presidential candidate Aécio Neves, from the opposition Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB), last night asked the Superior Electoral Tribunal (TSE) to conduct an audit of the results of the presidential elections.

In the official request, the legal coordinator of Neves' campaign, Deputy Carlos Sampaio, asked for experts to be chosen by the political parties to check the process in order to silence the doubts and complaints of alleged fraud by sectors opposed to the re-elected President Dilma Rousseff.

The PSDB statement says that it trusts the security of the ballot boxes and the whole election process, but notes that these results are insufficient when it comes to reassure voters suspicious of third party intervention in the computerized scrutiny system.

The application was registered after posters with letters of electoral fraud and demands of impeachment of the head of state were installed on the Planalto Palace (seat of the presidency).

According to the PSDB, the commission to be formed should have access to copies of the partial and final results, as well as archives of electronic votes, with the data transmitted and receiving of the counts.

The demand came three days after the Brazilian electoral body officially recognized the re-election of Rousseff with 51.64 percent of the valid votes, while her opponent Neves racked up 48.36 percent.

It is preceded by a complaint from the Workers Party (PT), which is arguing that sectors of the opposition, reluctant to recognize the results of the recent presidential elections, are inciting a military coup like the one in 1964.

Since Monday the Army's Facebook page, has received hundreds of messages, with requests for military intervention, the PT reported in a publication on its digital site.

PT Deputies also warned Congress about the furious and undemocratic speeches of opposition MPs, who do not acknowledge the will of the people expressed at the polls last Sunday.

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