

Bolivian Comptroller affirms that the OAS did not audit the 2019 election records

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The alleged audit conducted by the OAS was the trigger for the 2019 political crisis in the Andean country. | Photo: Comptroller Bolivia

La Paz, August 31 (RHC)-- The Comptroller General of Bolivia, Henry Ara Pérez, affirmed that the Organization of American States (OAS) did not review the 35,000 minutes of the 2019 general elections, so it did not conduct an audit but a sampling.

"The OAS makes a sampling. This will never establish which were the minutes really that could be fraudulent," said Ara Perez referring to the commitment that the OAS had with the democracy of the Bolivian people.

The official emphasized that the report presented by the OAS is based on conjecture and not on sufficient and competent evidence. "This is a report that does not respond to an audit. And why do we say that? Because the Agreement clearly established that the OAS should pronounce itself on the verification of the minutes," he said.

Likewise, Comptroller Ara Perez pointed out that the report submitted by the OAS does not comply with all the required national and international standards. "We can establish that this document provided by the OAS is based on conjecture and not as competent and sufficient evidence, which is a fundamental element for the audit."

In addition to the Comptroller, Bolivia's Attorney General, Wilfredo Chávez, and the Prosecutor Edwin Quispe pointed out the OAS as a promoter of destabilization in the country, precisely for not having carried out the audit correctly and giving way to the breaking of the constitutional thread.

After the electoral triumph of then President Evo Morales in the elections, the OAS issued a report in which it recorded alleged irregularities, which were never detailed.

Subsequently, the coup d'état against Evo Morales took place in 2019, which resulted in the establishment of the de facto government led by Jeanine Áñez and in several violent actions in the country against the population that rejected the violation of democracy.

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