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The investiture of the candidate of the Seed Movement comes after a process marked by the attempts of the Attorney General's Office to alter the balance of the elections, in collusion with the political elites, oligarchy, parties and exponents of the right wing.

Many of them saw in Arevalo, described by Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador as "a serious, responsible and progressive man", a potential danger to their interests, as he claims he will fight corruption.

Arévalo's detractors are aligned behind Attorney General Consuelo Porras, who has been pointed out by the first elected president for being the spearhead of a gradual coup d'état.

In effect, the Public Prosecutor's Office of Guatemala has tried to prevent the investiture of the triumphant candidate in the elections and to achieve this, it has requested on two occasions the withdrawal of his immunity.

The Public Prosecutor's Office alleges that Arevalo was responsible for protests at the University of San Carlos and for alleged irregularities in the formation of the Seed Movement, all of which have been rejected by the son of Guatemala's first democratically elected president, Juan José Arevalo.

Precisely, politicians and officials who have shielded themselves in the use of the law as a political weapon, relied on the Attorney General to prevent the coming to power of a ruler far from the rules of the game.

From the other side, a thriving indigenous community and social sectors are betting on Arevalo.

They expect the improvement of living conditions and that governability will be key in the coming administration, which is why, above all, indigenous people and collaborators blocked roads and concentrated in protest against the handling of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

In this tense scenario, the elected Head of State developed, although he has the support of a great part of the international community and even of the United States in his favor.

Undoubtedly, there is no comfortable future for the new authorities, especially when he needs a Congress with an opposition majority to approve his projects and the Public Prosecutor's Office is still threatening.

Even those who placed their trust in Arevalo do not seem to have much patience and are waiting expectantly for decisions to mitigate the long-standing social exclusion.

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