

# *Nicaragua denounces interference by the United States through the NED and USAID*

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Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Denis Moncada

Caracas, August 22 (RHC)-- The Government of Reconciliation and National Unity of Nicaragua, through its Foreign Minister Denis Moncada Colindres, rejected the interventionist actions of the United States government, carried out through the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Denis Moncada stated that “the unipolar dominance exercised by the United States and its subordinate allies is perceived as threatened by the rise of emerging countries that continue to advance and strengthen a multipolar world.”

At the same time, Nicaragua's foreign minister accused the NED of trying to “destroy the world, exterminate peoples and governments that do not reach consensus with Washington.”

The top Nicaraguan diplomat stated that this foundation has provided “multimillion-dollar funding to create conditions and achieve its destabilizing and coup-mongering objectives and goals in different countries around the world.”

The NED was created in 1983, during the administration of Ronald Reagan, with the supposed objective of promoting democracy worldwide. However, Allen Weinstein himself, the first interim president of the NED, admitted: “Much of what we do today was carried out secretly by the CIA 25 years ago.”

According to the Nicaraguan foreign minister, this statement underlines the true purpose of the NED: to act as an arm of U.S. foreign policy, financing movements and organizations that destabilize governments contrary to Washington's interests.

In context, the NED has been accused of intervening in the internal affairs of numerous nations, supporting coups, separatist movements, and media campaigns designed to undermine the legitimacy of democratically elected governments since their founding.

While in the particular case of Nicaragua, it has played a prominent role in attempts to overthrow the Sandinista government, funding media outlets, NGOs, and opposition groups with millions of dollars from the taxes of American citizens.

In addition to the NED, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has been another pillar in the U.S. interference strategy. Although officially presented as a development aid agency, USAID has been used to channel funds and logistical support to political actors that promote American interests abroad.

In Nicaragua, both NED and USAID have been accused of directly financing and supporting the 2018 coup attempt, in which millions of dollars were funneled to opposition groups, media outlets, and civil society organizations.

These actions were part of a broader strategy to destabilize the government of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, led by President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

Faced with this situation, Daniel Ortega's government recently announced a new operating model for NGOs, which will now be required to form "partnership alliances" with state institutions in order to execute their projects.

This reform, promoted by Vice President Rosario Murillo, seeks to ensure that NGOs operate in accordance with the interests of the Nicaraguan government and comply with national laws.

The initiative seeks to confront a *modus operandi* used in numerous regions of the world, from Asia to Eastern Europe, to promote agendas that favor U.S. hegemony. The denunciation and the efforts of the Nicaraguan government highlight the need for greater vigilance and resistance to interventionist actions by the United States.

In this regard, Foreign Minister Denis Moncada stressed that Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, DPRK, Libya, Syria, Palestine, China, Russia, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia and other sister countries have fought and continue to resist and defeat campaigns of destabilization, territorial disintegration and coups d'état.

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