



CCO REVEALS PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES FOR PARAGUAY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

- **The corruption phenomena penetrates everywhere and at all scales, and this is not due to lack of policies or sanctions**
- **Paraguay did not even reach a 50% compliance level of the 5 topics analyzed**

Paraguay, October 15, 2021. The Citizen Corruption Observatory in Paraguay, comprised by nine Civil Society Organizations present the results of the Follow-up Report to the compliance of the Lima Agreement “**Democratic Governance against Corruption**” signed at the VIII Summit of the Americas in 2018, which aims at keeping a direct fight against corruption in the Americas.

Among the findings, the report reveals that:

- 1) *Within the framework of the sanitary crisis, a continuation of limits and obstacles to effectively implement a transparency, public ethics and integrity and accountability was evidenced.*
- 2) *Although Paraguay has implemented technological and innovative tools for transparency, they do not work within a proper control context in institutions.*
- 3) *The poor credibility in the investigation procedures is largely due to corruption scandals in which the Government Attorney General’s Office was involved at.*
- 4) *There are paradigmatic cases of money laundry involving politicians and public authorities where the impunity feeling with slow and bureaucratic investigations and the lack of exemplary sentences reinforce the theory of institutional weakness and the lack of judicial independence.*
- 5) *The lack of a timely application of disciplinary measures has allowed the extinction of cases related to public corruption.*
- 6) *A general pattern of legal persecution and violence against journalists, as well as against civil society organizations, activists and human rights advocates who report and/or investigate corruption persists.*

Among the recommendations, the information gathered shows the need to *identify the risks of corruption with a human rights and gender approach, by understanding they vastly impact vulnerable populations and those who are discriminated against; this is a commitment in which the government reached the lowest score among the results applicable to the Strengthening of Democratic Governance, with a score of barely 6.6%.*

For further information, refer to the complete report at:

<https://occ-america.com/paraguay/>

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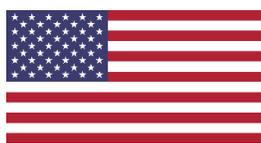
El Observatorio Ciudadano de corrupción es una alianza entre organizaciones de la sociedad civil y actores sociales del continente, creada con el propósito de permitir el seguimiento de los acuerdos adoptados por los gobiernos de la hemisfero sur en el VIII Cumbre de las Américas, celebrada en Lima, Perú en 2018. También promueve la participación ciudadana en la lucha contra la corrupción.



The analysis was done by identifying the regulatory and practical developments in order to comply with the Lima Agreement in 19 countries of the region. Subjects related to the reinforcement of democratic governance were considered; transparency, access to information, protection of whistle-blowers, and human rights, including freedom of expression; financing of political organizations and election campaigns; prevention of corruption in public works and public procurement and contracting; and international legal cooperation, the fight against bribery, international corruption, organized crime, and money laundering, and asset recovery.

The CCO is a shared effort between the **Citizen Forum of the Americas (CFA)**, the **Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (LACND)**, **national chapters of Transparency International (TI) in Latin America** and **over 150 Civil Society Organizations** in the Americas to promote citizen participation and to monitor the progress of the governments measures and their challenges, as well as to research, document and systematically analyze evidence on the effectiveness of the anti-corruption efforts in the region.

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