



## **ONPE coordinated security measures required for the June 5th Second Presidential Election**

The National Office of Electoral Processes of Peru (ONPE) coordinated with chiefs from Peruvian Judiciary, Peruvian Public Ministry, Peru's Election Board (JNE), Peruvian Ombudsman, the National Registry of Identification and Civil Status (Reniec), Peru's Defense Ministry, the National Police of Peru (PNP), Joint Command of the Armed Forces of Peru (CCFFAA), among others public institutions the measures aimed to guaranteeing the security at the Second Presidential Election to be held on June 5th, 2016.

The meeting was held at ONPE's headquarters and was presided over by ONPE's Chief Mariano Cucho Espinoza, who thanked the present institutions for their commitment, which will lead to elections are held in a peace and tranquility atmosphere.

As part of this strategy, close to 100,000 Peruvian Armed Forces and PNP's contingents will be deployed worldwide to guarantee the safety of diverse electoral actors such as electors, polling supervisors and political organizations' staff.

"The aim of this coordination meeting is citizens can cast their rights to vote freely and with guarantees provided by the law," he said. In the case of the Valley of the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro rivers (Vraem), special measures will be implemented to guarantee the distribution and receipt of electoral material, as well as the security of the election day.

As is recalled, a military patrol, which went to provide security in the electoral process, was ambushed in Santo Domingo de Acobamba locality, Junin, on April 9th, 2016, a day before the elections. 11 persons among soldiers and civilians died in that attack.

Cucho Espinoza has requested Peruvian public Ministry to assign one attorney for each one of 5,000 polling stations located worldwide, with the purpose of preventing any disturbance and enforcing legislation in flagrancy in case of any election offense.

As at the April 10th elections, it has been stipulated that all attorneys permanently remain alert and in absolute immobility before, during and after the electoral process to guarantee an intervention opportunity provided by Peruvian Public Ministry, Peruvian Attorney General Pablo Sanchez affirmed.

That power of Peruvian State will be alert before any complaint of electoral violence to apply law with strength and justice, Peru's Judiciary President Victor Ticona Postigo indicated.

During the meeting, National Elections Board-JNE President Francisco Tavera Cordova stressed the relevance of this electoral process, as it contributes to making the fourth presidential election consecutive in democracy comes true, a milestone in Peru history.

Thus, the electoral system contributes to the progressive consolidation of our democratic regime. He also mentioned problems of electoral process caused by some defective regulations approved by Peruvian Congress, which triggered the exclusion of some candidacies.

Defense Minister Jakke Valakivi Alvarez ratified the commitment to provide security to be demanded by political organizations at these elections, both distribution and receipt of electoral material, as well as before, during and after the June 5th election day.

On behalf of General Director of the National Police of Peru, PNP General Vicente Romero Fernandez, Police Operations General Director (DIRNOP), PNP General Jorge Luis Gutierrez Senisse also expressed concerning that issue.

The meeting also saw the participation of Reniec Chief Jorge Yrivarren and Ombudsman Eduardo Vega, who expressed their total collaboration with ONPE's staff for the election day to be successful.

## **INFORMATION**

In March, ONPE approved a series of regulations and instructions to guarantee order, safety and protection of electors in the electoral processes, referendums or other popular suffrages held in 2016.

The management resolution specifies these regulations must be executed in coordination with Peruvian Armed Forces and the National Police of Peru.

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