



## OAS Electoral Observation Mission to Honduras Completes Deployment ahead of General Elections

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The Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (EOM/OAS) to the November 26 general elections in Honduras will complete its deployment this week with the arrival of the leaders, the specialists, the regional coordinators, and the international observers. **The Chief of Mission, former President of Bolivia Jorge "Tuto" Quiroga and the Special Advisor of the Mission and former President of Guatemala, Álvaro Colom**, will arrive in Tegucigalpa tomorrow.

The team, comprised of 83 people of 25 different nationalities, will carry out a thorough analysis in terms of electoral organization and technology, political financing, gender, voting abroad and electoral justice. On election day, OAS observers will visit voting centers across all the country to observe voting from the opening of polling stations to the counting of votes and the transmission of results.

The Mission will hold meetings at both the national and local level with electoral and government authorities, political parties, candidates, and civil society representatives, amongst other actors, to hear their perspectives on the electoral process.

The EOM/OAS was installed in Honduras at the end of October with a technical team of experts that was joined by the observers of the mobile group, who have travelled to 16 departments in the country since November 6 to learn about preparations for the elections. Prior to this deployment for the general elections, the OAS sent a technical mission of five experts to the primary elections held on March 12.

This will be the eleventh election observed by the OAS in Honduras.

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