
“Eradicating corruption and impunity will be the principal mission of the new government”: Andrés Manuel López Obrador

This 1st of July, Mexico lived its largest election in history. Andrés Manuel López Obrador (“AMLO”) won the presidential run in a landslide with a majority greater than 50% of the electorate. AMLO will assume office for his 6-year term on December 1st, 2018. A substantial part of AMLO’s presidential campaign rested on criticizing head-on the overwhelming corruption that heavily weighs on our country.

In his celebration speech, AMLO announced that the transformation that he will be pursuing for Mexico will consist in *“eradicating corruption from our country.”* In that respect, he asserted that *“corruption is not a cultural phenomenon but the result of a decadent political regime. We are absolutely certain that this evil is the primary cause of social and economic inequality. And due to corruption violence was unleashed in our country. Consequently, eradicating corruption and impunity will be the principal mission of the new government. Under no circumstance, the next President of the Republic shall allow corruption or impunity.”* AMLO said that *“be it who it may, shall be punished.”* AMLO further clarified, *“I here include fellows from [the campaign] struggle, public officials, friends and family.”*

AMLO also mentioned that there will be no need to increase taxes to deliver on his campaign promises, because *“all the savings from corruption shall be destined to boost the country’s economic growth”*.

In this context, in VWyS we celebrate AMLO’s assumption of the fight against corruption as a priority for his administration. Without a doubt, the strengthening of the Rule of Law and eradicating corruption and impunity are some of Mexico’s dearest needs.

We rejoice in the pacific and civilized voting day that we enjoyed as well as in the adversaries’ recognition of the results favoring AMLO. We see in these expressions, a clear sign of our country’s democratic maturity. Thus, we will continue to follow closely the steps of AMLO’s transition team with regards to aspects of the fight against corruption and we will keep our clients and friends timely informed about this subject. We express our strongest support for the integrity cause taken by President Elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

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