



Resolution 742 (1980)¹

Situation in Bolivia (General policy of the Council of Europe)

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Stressing the fundamental right of peoples to self-determination and to democratic development, and recalling its [Resolution 722 \(1980\)](#) on human rights in Latin America;
2. Conscious of the obligation for solidarity among all democratic countries to contribute to the victory of the political will of the population and of democracy in Bolivia;
3. Considering that, following the general election on 29 June 1980, Hernan Siles Zuazo, to whom all democratic parties, from the left to the moderate right, had pledged their support, was due to be elected President of the Republic on 4 August 1980;
4. Appalled by the coup carried out by the generals in Luis Garcia Meza's entourage, as an attempt to thwart the democratic decision of the overwhelming majority of their own people by force of arms and bombing ;
5. Scandalised by the inhuman treatment inflicted by the military government on trade union leaders such as Juan Lechin and on ecclesiastical figures such as Julio Tumiri and Mortimer Arias, who could be reproached only with their devoted work in favour of social justice and the protection of human rights;
6. Deploping the consequences of the coup d'état in Bolivia for the development of the Andean Pact, an association of democratic states, and thus for the progress of parliamentary democracy in Latin America as a whole,
7. Welcomes and supports the resolution on Bolivia, adopted by the European Parliament on 19 September 1980;
8. Condemns categorically the brutal coup d'état and persistent violations of human rights by the dictatorial regime;
9. Calls upon the military regime:
 - 9.1. to cease the systematic and arbitrary practice of torture by the Bolivian police against thousands suspected of wishing to oppose the present regime;
 - 9.2. to suppress the concentration camps set up by the military regime, and to release the political prisoners;
10. Expresses its solidarity with the sorely tried Bolivian people;
11. Calls upon the member states of the Council of Europe:
 - 11.1. not to recognise the military regime in Bolivia;
 - 11.2. to discontinue all development aid while the military regime in Bolivia remains in power;

1. Assembly debate on 29 September 1980 (14th Sitting) (see [Doc. 4602](#), information report of the Political Affairs Committee, and [Doc. 4620](#), motion for a resolution). Text adopted by the Assembly on 30 September 1980 (16th Sitting).



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- 11.3. to discontinue all economic and cultural aid to the military dictatorship;
- 11.4. to support the demands of the legitimate Bolivian parties for the constant presence in Bolivia of international organisations, such as the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, to investigate the situation;
- 11.5. to undertake to support the unrestricted exit of any persons wishing to leave the country for political reasons, some of whom have sought asylum in the embassies, and to receive these political refugees and persons seeking asylum in the member states without discrimination of any kind;
- 11.6. to suspend all negotiations and financial transactions until a legitimate government is established in Bolivia;
- 11.7. to step up support for the democratically structured countries of the Andean Pact who have already condemned the coup in Bolivia.