



Honduras Touts Successful Campaign Finance Reform During Visit from EU Mission



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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Oct. 24, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Last week, the Honduran Clean Politics Unit met with an official mission of European Union election observers to outline its strategy for enforcing campaign finance laws.

During the meeting with the EU mission, the Unit discussed Honduras's Financing, Transparency, and Auditing for Political Parties and Candidates Law, which regulates candidates' campaign funds and forbids contributions from drug traffickers and criminals to political campaigns.

The law also sets caps on individual campaign contributions, prohibits donations from government contractors, and bars government advertising during national election campaigns. Candidates who violate the law can be fined or dropped from election ballots. The Honduran government passed the law after it was proposed by the Mission to Support the Fight Against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras, or MACCIH. MACCIH is an Organization of American States program that coordinates anti-corruption efforts between national and international organizations in Honduras.

The Unit announced that all candidates standing for election to the presidency on November 26 have complied with Honduras's financial disclosure requirements. Over 18,000 Honduran candidates for office at all levels of government have disclosed their funding. "International and domestic observers are working tirelessly to make sure that our elections are free and fair," President Hernández said. "Corruption has no place in our electoral system or anywhere else in our great country."

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