



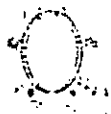
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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 19, 2017 /PRNewswire/ --After the Honduran Supreme Electoral Tribunal officially announced his electoral victory on December 17, Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández issued the following statement:

"As a citizen and as president, I humbly accept the will of the Honduran people. I wish to take this time not to bask in victory but instead to sincerely thank all the Hondurans who have put their trust in me.



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"The people of Honduras have spoken. They have exercised their right to elect their representatives fairly. All that is left to do in this electoral process is to abide by the freely expressed will of the people.

"Members of all parties, men, women, youth and seniors, I give you my undying gratitude. I plan to honor your trust by working toward a better and stronger Honduras. Thanks to God's help and the undying spirit of the Honduran people, our future looks bright.

"During this time, my thoughts are also with those who did not vote for me, and who have conducted civil protests during the electoral process. I hope we can put our differences aside and work together for the next four years. Despite our differences, we are united by a common past and headed toward the same future as one nation. I ask those who have turned to violence during this election to instead exercise their right to demonstrate peacefully.

"My fellow countrymen, regardless of partisan disagreements, differing ideologies, or electoral preferences, we are all children of the same mother: Honduras. We all stand on the same land, we are all covered by the same sky. We are brothers and sisters. I promise to work toward the peace, security, and economic prosperity of all citizens of this great country. I extend my hand to all Hondurans and vow to listen attentively to the national dialogue. I am deeply honored to serve you for another four years."

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