

## **ParlAmericas Statement on the Venezuelan Presidential Elections**

ParlAmericas has followed with concern occurrences surrounding the presidential elections in Venezuela held last Sunday, July 28.

ParlAmericas joins the international community in urging the National Electoral Council of Venezuela to publish the official tally sheets of all polling stations and to allow for a verification process with the participation of observers and candidates' delegates in line with international standards and norms for elections. This is crucial to ensure that the will of the Venezuelan people, expressed peacefully and through widespread turnout at the ballot box, is reflected transparently.

In the meantime, it is imperative that the Government of Venezuela guarantee the rights of citizens to peaceful assembly and protests. ParlAmericas remains dedicated to promoting peace, democracy, and hemispheric dialogue.

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