September 22, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State of the United States of America

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We, the undersigned representatives of various sectors of Nicaragua's democratic opposition and civil society, respectfully write to request your in-person participation in the upcoming Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States devoted to Nicaragua. We share the conviction that this meeting represents an exceptional opportunity to advance an effective hemispheric response to the Murillo-Ortega Sandinista regime.

We recognize President Donald Trump's leadership and the attention his Administration has given to the security and freedom of our hemisphere, including the promotion of the Shield of the Americas as a framework for regional cooperation against transnational organized crime. From our perspective, lasting peace in the Americas also requires confronting the conditions of impunity and authoritarian concentration of power that weaken our societies.

We wish to convey, in particular, our appreciation for your longstanding commitment to Nicaragua. Since your years in the Senate, you have been one of the clearest, most courageous, and most consistent voices in denouncing repression and supporting the democratic aspirations of our people at a time when our tragedy was not receiving an adequate international response. Your deep knowledge of Nicaragua and of the close ties between the Murillo-Ortega Sandinista regime and the Cuban regime lends particular authority to your leadership at this critical juncture.

The repression our people endure today is not abstract. It is reflected in political prisoners held under inhumane conditions; the exile and arbitrary deprivation of nationality imposed on hundreds of Nicaraguans; the confiscation of property and livelihoods; and the systematic persecution of the Catholic Church, its bishops and priests, evangelical churches, and other faith communities that refuse to submit to the regime's political control. The ties maintained by the Murillo-Ortega Sandinista regime with Cuba, China, Russia,

Iran, and North Korea further confirm that the Nicaraguan crisis cannot be understood as an isolated problem: the consolidation of the dictatorship has consequences that extend beyond our borders. We therefore hope that the meeting will result in concrete, coordinated, and sustained diplomatic and political measures aimed at increasing pressure on those responsible for the repression, securing the release of political prisoners, and creating the conditions for a peaceful democratic transition while protecting the Nicaraguan people.

For our part, we have intensified our outreach to democratic governments throughout Latin America to encourage participation at the highest level and build consensus around these objectives. We fully assume our responsibility as Nicaraguans. At the same time, we recognize that the United States, by virtue of its leadership in the free world and its convening power, occupies a vital position in transforming these efforts into effective commitments. In this regard, we consider the resolute support of the Shield of the Americas for the OAS meeting of foreign ministers to be essential, particularly in advancing the adoption of concrete measures as an outcome of that meeting through additional mechanisms that complement the Organization's efforts.

In this context, your personal presence would carry singular political significance: it would encourage the participation of your counterparts, strengthen the meeting's capacity to reach substantive agreements, and send an unequivocal signal of the priority that Nicaragua deserves. For those who continue to resist peacefully inside the country, and for those in exile and throughout the diaspora who remain committed to Nicaragua's freedom, it would also constitute a tangible expression of solidarity and hope.

Mindful of the many responsibilities of your office, we would be sincerely grateful if you would lend this meeting the significance of your presence and leadership. Please accept our appreciation for your steadfast attention to Nicaragua and our assurance that we stand ready to contribute to this shared effort.

With the highest consideration and esteem,



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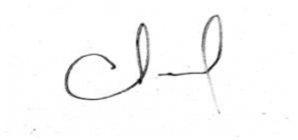

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