

**POSITION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT ON THE REPORT PRESENTED TODAY BY THE OAS FACT FINDING COMMITTEE TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THAT ORGANIZATION.**

Today, the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), presented to the Permanent Council of that organization, the report of a technical fact-finding mission that visited the Dominican Republic and Haiti. In its document the mission listed actions undertaken, stakeholders consulted, and locations visited. In its closing, the OAS mission provides a series of observations and recommendations.

Upon becoming aware of said report, the Government of the Dominican Republic wishes to present the following clarifications:

- It acknowledges the technical work performed by the OAS mission team members, for listening to all sectors involved in the Dominican Republic immigration situation, and for presenting and describing the different views and positions in their report.
- Nevertheless, it also verifies that on said report there appears to be no relationship or connection between the descriptive factual content stipulated and the set of conclusions and proposals later provided.
- The descriptive part of the report presents clear evidence that the accusations voiced in recent weeks against the Dominican Republic are false and unfounded, specifically those referring to a humanitarian crisis and alleged systematic violations of human rights that do not exist.

Likewise, the conclusions and recommendations are based on assumptions not supported by the report itself. For example, taking up the aforementioned "humanitarian situation" and suggesting the need for mediation between the two countries to solve "migration disputes."

The Dominican Republic reaffirms that it has not requested nor requires the intervention of the General Secretariat of the OAS, in the understanding, first, that there is no currently existing conflict between the two nations that may warrant the need for said mediation; second, that the Dominican immigration policy and its enforcement mechanisms are within the exclusive competence of the Dominican State, and are not subject to be negotiated; and third, there are already existing mechanisms for bilateral dialogue between the two nations that can be reestablished as soon as the Haitian government moves away from its attitude of discrediting the Dominican Republic, as a means of evading its responsibility with the people of Haiti.

Finally, the government of the Dominican Republic reinforces its commitment to continue working towards the adequate and accurate identification and regularization of those living in its territory, and to protect and guarantee the rights of all people.