Una llamada para defender la Democracia

La pandemia de COVID-19 amenaza algo más que la vida y el sustento de pueblos de todo el mundo. Es también una crisis política que amenaza el futuro de la democracia liberal.

Los regímenes autoritarios, y no es sorprendente, están usando la crisis para silenciar a sus críticos y endurecer su control político. Por otro lado, algunos gobiernos democráticamente electos vienen combatiendo la pandemia concentrando poderes de emergencia que restringen los derechos humanos y reforzando el Estado de vigilancia sin consideración alguna por las restricciones legales, la supervisión parlamentaria o los marcos temporales para la restauración del orden constitucional. Los parlamentos vienen siendo dejados de lado, los periodistas están siendo arrestados y acosados, las minorías están siendo convertidas en chivos expiatorios y los sectores más vulnerables de la población enfrentan nuevos y alarmantes peligros a medida que el cierre de emergencia de la economía asola por doquier el tejido mismo de las sociedades.

La represión no ayudará a controlar la pandemia. Acallar la libertad de expresión, encarcelar a los disidentes pacíficos, suprimir la supervisión parlamentaria y posponer las elecciones indefinidamente no harán nada por proteger la salud pública. Muy por el contrario, estos ataques a la libertad, la transparencia y la democracia harán que para las sociedades resulte más difícil responder rápida y eficazmente a la crisis mediante la acción tanto gubernamental como cívica.

No es ninguna coincidencia que la actual pandemia haya estallado en un país en donde el libre flujo de información está sofocado y en donde el gobierno castigó a quienes advirtieron del peligro del virus: advertencias consideradas como rumores dañinos para el prestigio del Estado. Los resultados pueden ser letales cuando se acallan las voces de los ciudadanos responsables, no solo para el país sino para todo el mundo.

La democracia no es solo un ideal valioso. Ella es el sistema de gobierno más idóneo con que enfrentar una crisis de la magnitud y la complejidad de la COVID-19. A diferencia de lo que sostienen las declaraciones interesadas de la propaganda autoritaria, los flujos creíbles y libres de información, el debate en torno a las opciones de política con base en los hechos, la autoorganización voluntaria de la sociedad civil y la libre interacción entre el gobierno y la sociedad son todos activos vitales con los cuales luchar contra la pandemia. Y son todos elementos claves de la democracia liberal.

Es solo a través de la democracia que las sociedades pueden construir la confianza mutua que les permite perseverar en una crisis, conservar la resiliencia nacional ante la adversidad, sanar las profundas divisiones sociales mediante la participación inclusiva y el diálogo, y conservar la confianza en que los sacrificios serán compartidos y que los derechos de todos los ciudadanos serán respetados.

Es solo a través de la democracia que la sociedad civil independiente, mujeres y jóvenes inclusive, puede empoderarse para que se asocie con las instituciones públicas y asista en el suministro de servicios, ayude a mantener a la ciudadanía informada e involucrada, y apuntale el estado de ánimo social y una idea de objetivo común.

Es solo a través de la democracia que los medios de comunicación libres pueden desempeñar su papel de informar a la gente para que puedan tomar decisiones personales y familiares sólidas, escrutar

a las instituciones gubernamentales y públicas, y contrapesar la desinformación que busca dividir a las sociedades.

Es solo a través de la democracia que una sociedad puede alcanzar un equilibrio sostenible entre necesidades y prioridades rivales: entre luchar contra la propagación del virus y la protección de la seguridad económica, y entre la implementación de una respuesta eficaz a la crisis y la protección de los derechos cívicos y políticos del pueblo, en conformidad con las normas y garantías constitucionales.

Es solo en las democracias que el estado de derecho puede proteger las libertades individuales de la intrusión y las restricciones impuestas por el Estado y que van bastante más allá de lo necesario para la contención de una pandemia.

Es solo en las democracias que los sistemas de rendición de cuentas públicas pueden monitorear y limitar los poderes de emergencia del gobierno, y ponerles fin cuando ya no se les necesita.

Es solo en las democracias que podemos creer en los datos gubernamentales acerca del ámbito de la pandemia y su impacto sobre la salud.

La democracia no garantiza un liderazgo competente y una gobernanza eficaz. Si bien las democracias predominan entre los países que han actuado con mayor eficacia para contener al virus, otras actuaron deficientemente en su respuesta a la pandemia y han pagado un precio muy alto en vidas humanas y seguridad económica. Las democracias que tienen un desempeño deficiente debilitan aún más a la sociedad y crean vías de entrada para los regímenes autoritarios.

Sin embargo, la mayor fortaleza de la democracia es su capacidad para corregirse a sí misma. La crisis de la COVID-19 es una alarmante llamada de atención, una advertencia urgente de que las libertades que valoramos se encuentran en riesgo y que no debemos darlas por sentado. Es a través de la democracia que los ciudadanos y sus líderes electos pueden aprender y crecer. Nunca fue más importante hacerlo.

La pandemia actual constituye un reto global sin precedentes a la democracia. Los regímenes autoritarios de todo el mundo ven en la crisis de la COVID-19 un nuevo campo de batalla político, en su lucha por estigmatizar la democracia como débil y revertir su avance en las últimas décadas. La democracia se encuentra amenazada y quienes se preocupan por ella deben acopiar la voluntad, la disciplina y la solidaridad necesarias para defenderla. Están en juego la libertad, la salud y la dignidad de los pueblos en todas partes.

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CONFIRMED ORGANIZATIONS				
Organization	Signatory	HQ Country		
African Movement for Democracy	Ateki Caxton, Advisory Council Member	Cameroon		
African Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL)	Enyinna Nwauche, Chair	South Africa		
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Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center	Amine Ghali, Director	Tunisia		
Alliance of Democracies Foundation	Jonas Parello-Plesner, Executive Director	Denmark		
Asia Democracy Network	Ichal Supriadi, Secretary-General	South Korea		
Asian Network For Free Elections (ANFREL)	Chandanie Watawala, Executive Director	Thailand		
Association Béninoise de Droit Constitutionnel (ABDC)	Federic Joel Aivo, Chair	Benin		
Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT)	Igor Botan, Executive Director	Moldova		
Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)	Andrew Wilson, Executive Director	USA		
Coalition for Dialogue in Africa (CODA)	Souad Aden-Osman, Executive Director	Ethiopia		
Colectivo Ciudadano Ecuador	Wilson Moreno, President	Ecuador		
Council for Global Equality	Mark Bromley, Executive Director	USA		
Council for the Development of Social Science Research in (CODESRIA)	Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary	Senegal		
Democracy International	Eric Bjornlund, President	USA		
Democracy Reporting International (DRI)	Michael Meyer-Resende, Executive Director	Germany		
European Endowment for Democracy	Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director	Belgium		
European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)	Mana Livardjani, Executive Director	Belgium		

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Forum 2000	Jakub Klepal, Executive Director	Czech Republic
Freedom House	Michael Abramowitz, President	USA
Fundación Nuevas Generaciones	Julián Martín Obiglio, President	Argentina
Fundación Paraguaya de Cooperación y Desarrollo	Martin Burt, Executive Director	Paraguay
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International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)	Douglas Rutzen, President and CEO	USA
International IDEA	Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General	Sweden
International Republican Institute	Daniel Twining, President	USA
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National Democratic Institute	Derek Mitchel, President	USA
National Endowment for Democracy	Carl Gershman, President	USA
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Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy El Salvador (NIMD El Salvador)	Juan Meléndez, Executive Director	El Salvador
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Parliamentary Center of Canada	Thomas Cormier, CEO	Canada
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PEN America	Suzanne Nossel, CEO	USA
Political Parties of Finland for Democracy – Demo Finland	Anu Juvonen, Executive Director	Finland
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Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights	Irwin Colter, Chair	Canada
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The Center Party's International Foundation (CIS)	Catherine Isaksson, Secretary-General	Sweden
The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA)	Denis Kadima, Executive Director	South Africa
The Foreign Policy Centre	Dame Audrey Glover, Chairman of the Board of Trustees	UK

The George W. Bush Institute	Lindsay Lloyd, Bradford M. Freeman Director of the Human Freedom Initiative	USA
The Inter American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH)	Joseph Thompson, Executive Director	Costa Rica

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Organization	Signatory	HQ Country		
The International Democrat Union (IDU)	Ray Novak (awaiting conf. from IRI)	Germany		
The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)	Anthony Banbury, President and CEO	USA		
The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Organization	Julia Ehrt, Program Director	Switzerland		
The Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation	Eva Gustavsson, Managing Director	Sweden		
The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)	Norbert Lammert, Chairman	Germany		
The McCain Institute for International Leadership	Mark Green, Executive Director	USA		
The Nadav Foundation	Leonid Nevzlin, Founder	Israel		
The Oslo Center	Finn Jarle Rode, Executive Director	Norway		
Transparency International	Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair	Argentina		
Unión de Partidos Latinoamericanos (UPLA)	Óscar Ortiz, President	Chile		
V-Dem Institute	Staffan I. Lindberg, Director	Sweden		
West Africa Centre for Democracy and Development	Kole A. Shettima, Chairman	Nigeria		
West Africa Civil Society Institute	Ayodeji Fajemirokun, Chair	Ghana		
Westminster Foundation for Democracy	Anthony Smith, Chief Executive	UK		
World Movement for Democracy	Ryota Jonen, Director	USA		
World Uyghur Congress	Dolkun Isa, President	Germany		
World Youth Movement for Democracy	Nevena Todorovid, Coordinator	Serbia		

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Green	Mike	Former Senior Director, National Security Council	USA	
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Gaviria	Cesar	Former President of Colombia	Colombia	

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Surname	Name	Position	Country	
Gbowee	Leymah R.	Former President of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Laureate	Liberia	
Gonzi	Lawrence	Former Prime Minister of Malta	Malta	
Gusenbauer	Alfred	Former Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria	Austria	
Harper	Stephe	Former Prime Minister of Canada	Canada	
Hurtado	Osvaldo	Former President of Ecuador	Ecuador	
llves	Toomas Henrik	Former President of Estonia	Estonia	
Isakovna Otunbayeva	Roza	Former President of Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	
Jahjaga	Atifete	Former President of Kosovo	Kosovo	
Josipovic	Ivo	Former President of Croatia	Croatia	
Koroma	Ernest Bai	Former President of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	
Kubilius	Andrius	Former Prime Minister of Lithuania; Member of the European Parliament	Lithuania	
Kwasniewski	Aleksander	Former President of Poland	Poland	
Lagumdzija	Zlatko	Former Prime Minister of Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bosnia & Herzegovina	
Lambertz	Karl-Heinz	Former Minister-President of the German-Speaking Community of Belgium; Speaker of the Parliament of the German-Speaking Community	Belgium	
Landsbergis	Vytautas	Former President of Lithuania	Lithuania	
Lee	Hong-koo	Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	
Letta	Enrico	Former Prime Minister of Italy	Italy	
Macri	Mauricio	Former President of Argentina	Argentina	
Margvelashvili	Giorgi	Former President of Georgia	Georgia	
Meidani	Rexhep	Former President of Albania	Albania	
Mesa	Carlos	Former President of Bolivia	Bolivia	
Obasanjo	Olusegun	Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	Nigeria	
Pastrana	Andres	Former President of Colombia	Colombia	
Patterson	P.J.	Former Prime Minister of Jamaica	Jamaica	
Peeters	Kris	Former Minister-President of Flanders and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium; Member of the European Parliament	Belgium	
Quiroga	Jorge	Former President of Bolivia	Bolivia	
Radicova	Iveta	Former Prime Minister of Slovakia	Slovakia	
Ramos-Horta	Jose	Former President of East Timor and Nobel Peace Laureate	Timor Leste	
Rodriguez	Miguel Ángel	Former President of Costa Rica	Costa Rica	
Roman	Petre	Former Prime Minister of Romania	Romania	
Rudd	Kevin	Former Prime Minister of Australia	Australia	
Sandu	Maia	Former Prime Minister of Moldova	Moldova	
Santos	Juan Manuel	Former President of Colombia and Nobel Peace Laureate	Colombia	
Solís Rivera	Luis Guillermo	Former President of Costa Rica	Costa Rica	
Tsakhia	Elbegdorj	Former President of Mongolia	Mongolia	
Uteem	Cassam	Former President of Mauritius	Mauritius	
Verhofstadt	Guy	Former Prime Minister of Belgium; Member of the European Parliament and European Parliament Brexit Coordinator	Belgium	

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Vike-Freiberga	Vaira	Former President of Latvia	Latvia	
Villiger	Kaspar	Former President of the Swiss Confederation	Switzerland	
Wałęsa	Lech	Former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Laureate	Poland	
Zaev	Zoran	Former Prime Minister of North Macedonia	North Macedonia	
Zedillo	Ernesto	Former President of Mexico	Mexico	

NOBEL LAUREATES (13)

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Surname	Name	Affiliation	Country			
Alexievich	Svetlana	Nobel Laureate in Literature	Belarus			
Arias Sanchez	Oscar	Nobel Peace Laureate; Founder, Grameen Bank	Costa Rica			
de Klerk	F.W.	Nobel Peace Laureate and Former President of South Africa	South Africa			
Ebadi	Shirin	Nobel Peace Laureate; Founder, Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran	Iran			
Gbowee	Leymah R.	Nobel Peace Laureate and Former President of Costa Rica	Liberia			
Karman	Tawakkol	Nobel Peace Laureate; Founder, Women Journalists Without Chains	Yemen			
Menchú	Rigoberta	Nobel Peace Laureate	Guatemala			
Ramos-Horta	Jose	Nobel Peace Laureate and Former President of East Timor	Timor Leste			
Santos	Juan Manuel	Nobel Peace Laureate and Former President of Colombia	Colombia			
Soyinka	Wole	Nobel Laureate in Literature	Nigeria			
Vargas Llosa	Mario	Nobel Peace Laureate; President, The Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa	Peru			
Wałęsa	Lech	Nobel Peace Laureate and Former President of Poland	Poland			
Yunus	Muhammed	Nobel Laureate for Literature	Bangladesh			

CURRENT PUBLIC OFFICIALS (43)

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Surname	Name	Office	Country			
Adomenas	Mantas	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania	Lithuania			
Adrian	Tamara	Member of National Assembly of Venezuela	Venezuela			
Almagro	Luis	Secretary-General, Organization of American States	Uruguay			
Bodnar	Adam	Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland	Poland			
Buchanan	Vern	Member of the United States House of Representatives for Florida	USA			
Buquicchio	Gianni	President, Venice Commission for Democracy	Italy			
Buzek	Jerzy	Member of the European Parliament and Former Prime Minister of Poland	Poland			
Cantón	Santiago	Secretary of Human Rights for the Province of Buenos Aires	Argentina			

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Cseh	Katka	Member of the European Parliament	Hungary				
Darmanovic	Srdjan	Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro	Montenegro				
de Bethune	Sabine	Baroness and Member of the Senate of Belgium	Belgium				
Dobrev	Klara	Vice President of the European Parliament	Hungary				
Franssen	Cindy	Member of the European Parliament	Belgium				
Gísladóttir	Ingibjörg Sólrún	Director, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland	Iceland				
Hautala	Heidi	Vice President of the European Parliament; Former Minister of International Development of Finland	Finland				
Hojsik	Martin	Member of the European Parliament	Slovakia				
Hřib	Zdeněk	Mayor of Prague	Czech Republic				
Hwangbo	Seung-hee	Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea				
Insulza	Jose Miguel	Member of the Senate of the Republic of Chile	Chile				
Ji	Seong-ho	Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea				
Kaljurand	Marina	Member of the European Parliament	Estonia				
Keum	Tae-Sup	Ranking Member of the Legislation and Judiciary Committee of the National Assembly	Republic of Korea				
Kubilius	Andrius	Member of the European Parliament; Former Prime Minister of Lithuania	Lithuania				
Lambertz	Karl-Heinz	Speaker of the Parliament of the German-Speaking Community; Former Minister-President of the German-Speaking Community of Belgium	Belgium				
Pavilionis	Zygimantas	Deputy Chair, European Affairs Committee of the Parliament	Lithuania				
Peeters	Kris	Member of the European Parliament; Former Minister-President of Flanders and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium	Belgium				
Piri	Kati	Member of the European Parliament	Netherlands				
Ploumen	Lilianne	Member of Parliament	Netherlands				
Pollak	Peter	Member of the European Parliament	Slovakia				
Price	David E.	Member of the United States House of Representatives for North Carolina	USA				
Rubio	Marco	Senior United States Senator for Florida	USA				
Se-Yeon	Kim	Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea				
Shamsulddin	Sarkawt	Member of Parliament	Iraq				
Sikorski	Radosław	Member of the European Parliament; Former Foreign Minister and Minister of Defence of Poland	Poland				
Spasovski	Oliver	President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia	North Macedonia				
Taekyung	На	Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea				
Tang	Audrey	Member of the Executive Yuan Council of Taiwan as Digital Minister	Taiwan				
Thae	Yong-ho	Member of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea				
Tüttő	Kata	Deputy Mayor of Budapest	Hungary				
Vandenbeld	Anita	Member of Parliament	Canada				
Verhofstadt	Guy	Member of the European Parliament and European Parliament Brexit Coordinator; Former Prime Minister of Belgium	Belgium				
Vondra	Alexander	Member of the European Parliament; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	Czech Republic				
	Joseph	Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China	Taiwan				