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The Communist Party of Spain condemns a new coup d'état in Bolivia

Former President Evo Morales has denounced that a new coup d'état is brewing in Bolivia to establish a civic-military dictatorship. The plan is directed by Generals Ortiz and Orellana, who apparently have the logistical support of two planes from the United States loaded with weapons.

Moreover, the current de facto government of self-proclaimed Áñez has sent snipers to the areas of El Alto and the Tropic of Cochabamba to try to subdue the hundreds of citizens that are taking the streets since last Thursday to ask the coup government to respect the electoral calendar. These protests are taking place in many regions of the country after the latest attempts by Áñez to modify the date of the presidential elections scheduled for September 6.

This serious irresponsibility by the Áñez government aggravates the already difficult living conditions in the country, where political prosecution against MAS leaders and repression against any opposition has increased. The purpose of the coup government is clear: it wants to erode the strength of the MAS and the support shown by a large part of the Bolivian population, to prevent its electoral victory (as predicted by the election polls) in the presidential elections called by the Áñez government itself, in order to delay or even cancel the elections. The temptation to establish a dictatorship are determined by the support, help and advice of the US State Department and its embassy in the country.

The Communist Party of Spain denounces the preparations to carry out a new coup in Bolivia, backed by the United States, and condemns the repression against indigenous communities and the political prosecution of social movements and MAS leaders.

At the same time, the PCE demands that the international community, the European Union and the Spanish government express their most severe condemnation of the new coup preparations in the face of the words by former president Evo Morales, and calls for the Bolivian electoral laws to be respected and for the current Áñez government to keep the scheduled date for the presidential elections, which must be held in compliance with all democratic guarantees.

