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## **The Communist Party of Spain opposes the disqualifications of Evo Morales and Rafael Correa**

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The Constitutional Chamber of the Departmental Court of La Paz ratified this Monday the disqualification of Evo Morales, thus preventing his candidacy for senator for the presidential elections that will be held in Bolivia next October 18. The Chamber has argued that Evo Morales does not have two years of residence in Bolivia prior to the election or domicile in the country. These are flatly false facts, since the former Bolivian president has never changed his polling place and has his official address in a town in Cochabamba, where he is from.

This decision taken by the court has been issued against the electoral laws of the country and against international jurisprudence. President Evo Morales had to leave the country last November after the civil-military coup d'état that imposed Áñez's self-proclamation as president. The decision taken by the Constitutional Chamber ratifies the political persecution against Evo Morales and the MAS. The PCE condemns and rejects the Court's verdict, reiterates its support for the Bolivian president and demands that his active rights be reinstated in order to be a candidate for the Senate in the October elections.

In the same way, the Communist Party of Spain opposes the final sentence by which Rafael Correa is disqualified in Ecuador. The National Court issued the final judgment in the Sobornos case on Monday. This sentence has not taken into account the appeal and has ratified the sentence of eight years against the former Ecuadorian president. This decision disqualifies Correa, which means that he will not be a candidate for the 2021 elections. The verdict, which has not been issued unanimously, has been resolved in seventeen days, when the usual timing in this type of cases can reach several months. In addition, we should not forget that there is numerous evidence that shows that it has been used to persecute Rafael Correa. The PCE opposes that sentence that ratifies the lawfare promoted by the Lenín Moreno government against Correa. The PCE reiterates its solidarity and support for former President Rafael Correa and calls on Ecuadorian society to make the ballot boxes in 2021 a cry against corruption and political persecution.

