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Mr. Arriagada has members of the delegation

agreed to

following statement

We are... of Mexico, who... sovereignty, with... interie... friends... of which Mexico... rights... people... defend each other's rights

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respectful... in Mexico... of democracy in the... action... universal... igation to

Our principal witness the observation by first like to thank the assistance... but fair, al critic... but

is not... into Mexico... in... lerabl... e ind... ents

in elections but... groups... We... tion and... they knew we would... And frankly, we... groups have... ll

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Many of election observations... unique... nothing in common with... unique... la

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In the... les... erent politic... the opposition tends to exact... interpret that as... unintentionally encourages... Opposition parties demand... accept the results.

only commu... ate any sl... conspirat... s... ce

obs... bers of... go with each other... or irregularity... governing party... perceive tactics... ocess and rarely

With little common ground, national election observers are often perceived as partial to the opposition. This has been the... concern in Mexico. There... of the observer groups... atif, critical... of the government... their... capable of performing

developed. Based on these encouraging aspects of our observations, courage, and coordinators and that were throughout the two state well-trained in the state relate to election officials rather extensive forces and the key units of good electoral environment. In many cases, they will enter the casilla.

Our assessment of the local observer groups is based on views with leaders and with them a detailed evaluation.

However, recognizing the conditions did not permit the evidence. In our view, conclusion as 30-37% in both Michoacan. (In yet given us the irregularities of the very and the padron, but it irregularities to create las. Moreover, correcting the list

The other issues raised in the by the governing party, the parties, inequitable access to

Chihuahua, and the hoacan that they wor

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the observe structure, need been very high given and demographic the PAN in Michoacan between the census and the rate of are than. We on tal has have a political proces

the use of state funds to finance spending between the parties, inequitable access to their resolution would be in other our experiences the election can be meaningful

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the essential conditions for
According to the logic of the
stands in the way
vote count is fair

an election did not exist.
statement, the only issue that
Michoacan is whether the in

the Observers can and did play other important roles. During
election campaign in Michoacan, the convergence of
to be a poster that educated the public on violence
la Democracia in Michoacan. The high court by the Consejo para
election-monitoring, and Chihuahua was an example of a state that
to accept the results. The people should be able to participate in
and have the resources to do so. Unfortunately, the
Michoacan, but they did not have access to a fair count
the Atlas, they could
establish the accuracy of the vote count

IV. Summary and Conclusion

Were the elections in Michoacan and
that is the question you would like
need to stay for the questions. We did not
judge the elections. To have observed
would need to be there long before the
such large teams have done quickly
all and welcomed by the
every stage of the
hand this time. And
elections were

Chihuahua free and fair?
us to answer, you do not
not come here to observe or
the elections effectively
elections, to have fielded
s, to have been invi
ave complete access
elections had not

view, In our Mexico
since positive way 988, and
election climate on day. But
is continue opinion polls to show
total system the election. But
role the new Mexico, the
nds of Mexican thousand observes - deter
in the electoral system to ensure that

actor system has opened
are purged by the pacif
opposition parties and public
confidence in the fairness
the most positive element

The local observer groups are new
dedicated and could play a vital role
they are often a vital part of
the process that is essential to be
nationality, such as the
parties, in deep, and the political
hope the system accountable. We
the environment will be created to
this role, and if invited, we
observer groups

are a vital part of the
the political process
access to the electo
this and to demonstrate
succeed as civil society
increase their capacity to make
the legal and political
election observers to play
be prepared to help the