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## **OAS Mission Congratulates the Brazilian People for Peaceful Vote and Highlights the TSE's Professional Work**

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The Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (EOM/OAS) deployed to Brazil to observe the second round of the General Elections held on October 28 congratulates the Brazilian people for their civic commitment as, once again, they turned out massively to the polls to choose their representatives.

In the [preliminary report](#) presented today, the Mission congratulates President-elect Jair Bolsonaro on his victory and Fernando Haddad for having recognized the results. At the same time, it congratulates the electoral authorities for successfully organizing a process in which more than 147 million citizens were called upon to vote.

Led by former Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla, the OAS Mission was made up of 30 experts and observers of 17 different nationalities, as well as six people who observed the vote abroad in Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Montréal, Paris, Santiago–Chile, and Washington, D.C. This is the second deployment of the Electoral Observation Mission of the OAS in Brazil this year, after having observed the General Elections on October 7. In total, 83 experts and observers were deployed.

In its report, the Mission analyzed key aspects of the electoral process, including electoral organization and technology, campaign financing, freedom of expression, political participation of women, electoral justice and the participation of indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants. In order to assess the technical aspects surrounding the electoral process and the impressions of different stakeholders, the Mission held meetings at a federal and local level with electoral authorities and government officials; political parties; candidates; civil society organizations; academics and others.

On election day, OAS observers visited 392 polling stations in 121 voting centers in 11 states and the Federal District.

In the following weeks, the Mission will present a full report to the OAS Permanent Council that will also be delivered to the Superior Electoral Tribunal and to the actors of the electoral process.

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