



As we look forward to launching our 50th anniversary celebration in the coming year, we begin to take stock of how WOLA has played an essential role in the fight for human rights across the Americas throughout the decades. From our founding era after the 1973 Chilean coup to confronting new forms of authoritarianism now, WOLA is still on the front lines.

Today, under the leadership of President Carolina Jiménez Sandoval, WOLA continues to innovate with deep research, strategic influence among key policymakers in the United States and throughout the region, and profound connections to courageous civil society partners. This year's annual report is rich with examples of the strong impact of WOLA's work.

Throughout 2022, WOLA turned to the emerging challenges of the future that we set out in our strategic plan. You will see woven throughout this report a

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WOLA's WOLA's Venezuela program has continued to support a peaceful, democratic, and just solution to the country's crisis, and, by the end of 2022, significant advancements occurred on two fronts - the renewal of the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela (FFM), and the reopening of negotiations between the Maduro government and the opposition. WOLA joined with a wide coalition of Venezuelan and international organizations in encouraging and supporting the UN Human Rights Council's decision to renew the mandate of the FFM. WOLA promoted

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co-authored by VP for Communications Josefina Salomón and Director John Walsh, *What's the Carbon Footprint of Drug Prohibition?*, highlighted how drug prohibition itself fuels environmental destruction. In November, Walsh spoke at a session

Letter from WOLA President or Staff:

An overview of the most pressing issues in Latin America this week.

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