Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

This week, we joined civil society organizations in a statement expressing our deep concern over the approval, in the first round, of a bill that seeks to criminalize and further hinder the work of civil society organizations in Venezuela. This is yet another government strategy to limit the fundamental work of civil society organizations that legitimately defend rights, and work on behalf of victims of human rights violations.

Meanwhile, Guatemala opened nominations for candidates ahead of the general elections scheduled for June. Read this document of questions and answers we published in collaboration with Human Rights Watch to learn more about the challenging context in which the elections are taking place and the need for international scrutiny to help protect democracy in the country.

That and much more in today’s WOLA weekly.

Best,

Carolina Jiménez Sandoval
WOLA’s President

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 🇻🇪 WOLA and other NGO’s express our deep concern over the approval, in the first round, of a bill that seeks to criminalize and further hinder the work of civil society organizations in Venezuela. Read the joint statement.

- 🇵🇪 International scrutiny is essential to ensure people in Guatemala can enjoy their right to free and fair elections, Human Rights Watch and WOLA said in a joint question and answer document exploring the main challenges to human rights in the country. You can also read the press release.

- 🇻🇪 WOLA reaffirms its commitment to the reconstruction of the electoral route in Venezuela as a key aspect to restoring democracy. Read the joint statement.

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U.S. MEXICO BORDER UPDATE
In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-a-kind Border Oversight Database, which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

**WOLA IN THE NEWS**

Peruvian President Dina Boluarte “and her government have treated [protesters] with such violence and repression that it’s undermining her government’s legitimacy.”

WOLA’s Senior Fellow Jo-Marie Burt told Al-Jazeera

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