



## Address by Jilata David Choquehuanca Vice-President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

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**J**iliri Irpiri, Constitutional President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, brother Luís Arce Catacora; brother President of the Senate, Andrónico Rodríguez; brother President of the Chamber of Deputies Jerjes Mer-

cado; sister and brother ministers; brothers of the Armed Forces and the Bolivian Police; brothers of the Bolivian Workers Central (COB); brothers of our powerful CSUTCB; our CONAMAQ brothers; intercultural brothers; CIDOB brothers;





Bartolina Sisa Confederation Sisters; intercultural sisters; miner brothers; factory brothers; brothers and sisters who are abroad; sisters and brother teachers; mining sisters and brothers; artists; brother ambassadors and representatives of international organizations that have joined us today; business brothers; college brothers; union brothers; carriers; manufacturers; indigenous people; the media; brothers who live in the valleys; brothers who live in the plains; in the Amazon; brothers who live in the highlands; working brothers; student brothers; men and women; construction sector brothers; youths; compatriots; everybody.

Brothers and sisters, our Plurinational State came to life with pain, honor and glory. And today we celebrate the anniversary of that Plurinational State of Bolivia, enshrined as such under our historical 2009 Political Constitution of the State.

The Political Constitution of the State embodies the condensation of the wisdom and rebellion of the Bolivian people, who connected with their roots and with the historical legacy of their revolutionary, native and patriotic leaders.

Our Political Constitution of the State projected us into the 21st century with the historical challenge of building a decolonized Plurinational State based on respect, equality and balance

among all. That we are in Bolivia.

The Constitution of the Plurinational State is one of the most significant political rebellions of recent times and is led by a people who are willing to recover their identity, dignity, and sovereignty, and walk with their own feet and their own views, guided by the millenary wisdom of our peoples.



The Plurinational State is intended to return to the path of truth, complementarity and integration, to build the unity of all Bolivians, and bequeath a healthy, united and strong country to future generations.

The Constitution of the Plurinational State, in these times of change of the Tenth Pachakuti, is intended to restore the culture of life, to recover the millenary native ancestral languages, to observe and promote respect for our culture, traditions, rituals and customs, as well as for their spirituality and their ways of organization and production.

The strength of the Plurinational State rests in the spirit of the native peoples, who have resisted centuries to build a State that represents them in their own territory.

The Plurinational State is under a process of





construction. It is a mistake to demand from the Plurinational State the immediate overcoming of the absences, faults and abuses inherited from the republican State. We are committed to correcting the errors inherited from past administrations and meeting the just demands that have been historically postponed. We are working to resolve politicized injustice, exclusion, inequalities, subjugation, and poverty.

Our peoples are just recently freeing ourselves from the submission of all the excesses imposed by palliative, republican democracy and from the colonial mentality of those who divide, misinform, sabotage and blame others.

The attacks on the Plurinational State are Machiavellian. They hurt, destroy and do not propose anything to heal the deep wounds left on the Plurinational identity.

The Plurinational State is intended to resume our heritage, our path, our Qhapaq Ñan, our Ñandereco, our Sarawi and return to being Iyambae, to being Jiwasa or Ñocanchis and live guided by the triple code of life and complementarity that guarantees balance and harmony.

With the process of change, we have raised awareness as to the fact that the plurality and pluralism of this sacred Mother Earth are an intrinsic part of everything we are, think and feel. This does not divide, rather it makes us stronger and united.

We are like the fabrics of our ancestors, of our ceremonial textiles, with many colors, symbols, and codes, but with a taypi, an axis, or center that unites us and makes us inseparable, strong, and unbreakable.

In the Plurinational State, similarities and differences complement one another. Sometimes, polarization is more visible than unity. But the forces of the change process always work on the basis of complementarity between those who are different in order to transcend all divisions within the process of inclusive dialogue and to build community.

We cannot deny that we are also living in times of obscurantism, where some make use of fear, division, intrigue, slander and sabotage to cause chaos and conflict.

There are those who dream of returning to the colonial republic by manipulating reality to erode the progress achieved by the Bolivian people in the construction of the Plurinational State.

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However, there is no doubt that the Plurinational State is already an irreversible fact.

In these 14 years, with the great political awakening and awareness of the people, we are gradually transforming our country.

At the international level, we have positioned ourselves as an integrationist, sovereign and independent country. Bolivia leads the world in positioning the path of living well in harmony with Mother Earth as an alternative to capitalism, modernity and planetary recolonization.

It is undeniable that Bolivia has very good laws and key policies to build the Plurinational State; laws on decolonization, the fight against racism, misinformation, and discrimination, the protection and defense of Mother Earth, as well as our economic and social policies. But we have to be self-critical. Not everything is right. There are still gaps and contradictions between what we say and what we actually do. We have to do much more and redouble our efforts to make the Plurinational State we dream of a reality.

We have to work courageously and with love to fight against poverty, corruption, and violence

exercised daily against children, women and Mother Earth.

The full awakening of the Plurinational conscience demands that we keep in mind that the process of change is inseparable from the path of living well; that our Mother Earth is the creator and nurturer of life.

That the divisive, exclusive and confrontational rationale is foreign and that we must live with the wisdom of our grandparents in complementarity, harmony and balance. That the creative power of our people is stronger than the forces that want to divide us.

The Plurinational State will comply with the necessary changes to transcend the division and reestablish relations of complementary brotherhood among all Bolivians.

Thus, we commit all the efforts of our government, headed by our brother Luís Arce Catacora, to achieve living well and build hope, stability, joy, rapprochement, trust, complementarity, consensus and balance.

*Jallalla the Plurinational State of Bolivia!  
Jallalla our change process!  
Jallalla the peoples of the world!*

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