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## Snowden Affair Blows Up Even U.S. Allies in Ibero-America

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On Tuesday of this week, the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States passed a resolution condemning the violation of international law and the principle of sovereignty effected by the four European nations which refused overflight and landing rights to the Bolivian Presidential Airplane on July 2, at the behest of President Obama, on the alleged suspicion that Edward Snowden was aboard.

"The Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that 'international law is the standard of conduct of States in their reciprocal relations;' and that 'international order consists essentially of respect for the personality, sovereignty, and independence of States, and the faithful fulfillment of the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law.'" The Council resolved that "all states must strictly observe the rules and customs governing immunity of all Heads of State, as well as the rules and regulations of international law relating to the use of airspace for overflight and landing."

Of the 33 voting OAS member states, only the United States and Canada refused to sign a resolution which "condemn(s) actions that violate the basic rules and principles of international law such as the inviolability of Heads of State," and "reaffirm(s) the full validity of the principles, rules, and international customs governing diplomatic relations among states and guaranteeing peaceful coexistence among all countries comprising the international community."

Even as the OAS Permanent Council was debating that resolution on July 9, governments of the region were digesting new revelations published that day in Brazil's *O Globo* daily, that some of the U.S.'s allegedly closest allies in the region (Brazil, Colombia, Mexico) were the highest-priority targets of "constant" National Security Agency electronic surveillance in the region as a whole, with "commercial secrets" a focus of that spying. The article was the second signed by Glenn Greenwald and two *O Globo* reporters reporting on documents released by the brave young whistleblower, Edward Snowden. Surveillance activity took place as recently as the first quarter of 2013.

The Colombian government, which initially refused to protest the virtual kidnapping of Bolivia's President Evo Morales, now found itself demanding explanations from the Obama administration for "acts of espionage that violate ... international conventions," and signing onto the OAS resolution cited above.

Likewise, the Presidents of the Mercosur bloc (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela), meeting in Uruguay on July 12, issued a resolution repudiating the mass surveillance and supporting the Bolivian government's denunciation before the United Nations of the illegal actions against President Morales. They will also issue a formal protest to the governments of Spain, France, Italy and Portugal for their role in Obama's threat to the life of the Bolivian President.

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