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Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States Denounces the Nicaraguan Government's Seizure of the University of Central America

The Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States is alarmed and troubled by the unjust confiscation of the University of Central America (UCA) in Managua by the government of Nicaragua. The UCA is internationally known for providing an outstanding education to thousands of students in the Jesuit and Catholic tradition since its founding in 1960. The seizure of the university is a blatant violation of academic and religious freedom.

We stand in solidarity with the Jesuits of Nicaragua and the faculty, staff and students of the UCA in rejecting the false accusations made against the university and in condemning the government's actions.

We echo the call of the Jesuit Central American Province for the Nicaraguan government to reverse and correct its decision and to end the aggression against the UCA community. We ask the United States and Canadian governments to join us in denouncing this grave injustice and in insisting on a just resolution. We pray that truth, justice, dialogue and freedom will prevail.

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