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AMERICA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-Young Dominicans denounce corruption and ask for "a new political culture"

Santo Domingo (Agenzia Fides) - The young Dominicans call the attention of the authorities and leaders on the need to promote the political, cultural, economic and social development of the nation. The occasion was given by the second National Youth Congress on the theme "For a new political culture", held on 30 and 31 January in the Dominican Republic, sponsored by the Red Nacional de Acción Juvenil, which brought together young Dominicans from across the country. In the final document, according to information from Adital, young people denounce "the silence, impunity and complicity" of the rulers and the judiciary authority with regards to corruption in the country, in public and private sectors. This situation affects the social and economic development of the population.
Similarly young people reject "opportunistic and utilitarian practices" as well as actions conducted without public participation. During the event the necessary respect for the rights of women was remembered, affirming the rejection of all forms of violence and oppression against them. Similarly police crimes, insecurity, environmental pollution and the plundering of public assets were condemned. The Ministry of Youth, on the occasion of National Youth Day, celebrated on Tuesday, January 31, awarded the National Prize for Youth XVI to 16 young people, particularly worthy of mention for their contribution in various fields, including culture of peace, environmental conservation, health care, human rights (childhood and youth), social welfare, cultural development, rural leadership, religious leadership, political leadership, social services to community service.
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