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training, our concern is that training directed towards the partisan defense of the vote could impede the proper functioning of the JRV, injecting unnecessary tension into the voting and counting processes. We urge that parties carrying out this additional pollworker training maintain a strict conceptual and functional distinction between the responsibilities of a member of the JRV and those of a party pollwatcher.

In addition, any training of the pollworkers and party pollwatchers must emphasize the proper use of challenges to the votes and results. With only weeks remaining before the beginning of official training, we are concerned that the CSE has yet to announce any regulations controlling challenges, which is crucial for a well-ordered and peaceful election day. We urge the magistrates to act upon this matter as quickly as possible.

5. The Carter Center notes with satisfaction the recent nomination of an Electoral Ombudsman (Procuradora Electoral), who is empowered to conduct oversight on rigorous compliance with Electoral law. It