

## IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY INFORMATION

In March 2015, the U.S. Government issued a decree declaring Venezuela ***"an unusual and extraordinary threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy."*** The dangerous decree, in force until today, was issued against a country that is totally respectful of international law, non-interference in the affairs of other states, that uses dialogue as a mechanism for settling conflicts, and never assaulted anyone.

The rise of Donald Trump to the presidency of the United States, accompanied by a genocidal mafia, precipitated a new wave of aggressions and threats, multiplied to the extreme from 2017 to the present.

U.S. funding for the violence resulted in hundreds of human losses and extensive material damage. The right-wing Venezuelan national assembly, the driving force behind the outbreak of coup violence, continually has refused to find a civilized solution to the situation.

Time and again, the Venezuelan government called for dialogue in the presence of international observers and witnesses of Venezuela's political conduct, including José Luis Zapatero, former president of Spain, Leonel Fernández, former president of the Dominican Republic, and Ernesto Samper, former president of Colombia.

In order to guarantee peace and put a stop to violence, President Nicolás Maduro convened the National Constituent Assembly. Once again, in conditions of constant harassment, Venezuelans went to the polls so that the people could express themselves. And despite all the threats they did so in strong support of the Bolivarian Revolution.

The opposition demanded immediate elections, and when the Venezuelan government called for elections, the most backward sectors decided to boycott them and unilaterally end the dialogue.

For the 23rd time in 20 years of government Venezuelans went back to the polls. On May 20, 2018, in the presence of observers from around the world, more than 68% of the voters re-elected President Obrero Nicolás Maduro.

Imperialism would not forgive the Venezuelan people and full of fury began a new escalation of coercive and illegal measures against the economy of the Bolivarian Homeland.

On January 10 of this year, President Nicolás Maduro assumed again the presidency of the Republic until 2025. The government of the United States of America declared that it would not recognize the legitimate government of Maduro, and the escalation of aggressions and interference increased along with the threat of military invasion. The United States fabricated a puppet that responds to their interests that proclaimed itself president from the dais of a public square. They exerted brutal pressure on countries in

Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe with the objective of delivering a brutal coup to oust Maduro and put an end to the Bolivarian Revolution.

The permanent aggression was disguised under the narrative that the media repeated in unison and without ceasing: "humanitarian crisis" is read again and again, in all languages during these months to refer to Venezuela.

Not a word has been said about the blockade of bank accounts abroad; the looting of resources necessary for the purchase of food and medicine, which cruelly violate the human rights of Venezuelans.

- **The Bank of England**, reminiscent of the style of pirates, has deprived Venezuela of 1.359 million dollars of gold deposited in its vaults.
- **The Citibank**: 196 million Euros
- **Bank of London**: 453 million Euros.
- **North Capital**: 238 million Euros.
- **Novo Banco Portugal**: with which Venezuela had a commercial contract for the purchase of food, medicines and supplies, has seized 1,453 million Euros.
- **Sumitomo Bank of Japan**: 415 million Euros.

As a result of this criminal imperial policy there has been a profound social outcry in the Venezuelan people; that is why the Venezuelans declared themselves in a "permanent campaign" to denounce the consequences and effects of the unilateral blockade by the Government of the United States, which, believing itself to be the emperor of the world, has ordered the shameless theft of Venezuelan funds and resources. This has claimed the lives of thousands of Venezuelans.

Currently there are 25 patients hospitalized in Italy for bone marrow transplants, who could die, due to inability to fund these treatments through the resources provided by the Company Citgo, which has been plundered and confiscated by the criminal mafia of Pence, Bolton, Pompeo, Abrams and Marco Rubio, with the complicity of servile governments of the Lima Group and the European Union. As a result of that policy, on May 7 a 6-year-old boy who was one of those patients died.

Once again, felony and treason show the face of fascism: on April 30, the proponents of war again attempted to attack democracy and peace in Venezuela; they were defeated and had to hasten their flight, demonstrating the anti-popular and ultra-right attitude of their authors and the absolute rejection of the Venezuelan people.

The first of May, International Workers Day, the impressive march held in Caracas and cities throughout the country, was the most genuine demonstration of the rejection of the attempted coup d'état and in support of the legitimate government of President Nicolas Maduro.

The Bolivarian Revolution, in civic-military unity under the leadership of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) will continue to confront with the unity of the people all the aggressions that U.S. imperialism and its allies intend to impose on the Bolivarian Homeland.

The coup has failed, but not the U.S. Empire's attempt to seize Venezuelan resources and wipe off the face of the earth all vestiges of Hugo Chavez's legacy.