



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the people and government of Venezuela commemorates today, more than ever, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, date concerted by the international community for the purpose of condemning and combating human trafficking.

The past and present slavery has been a globalized practice by the bloody and savage capitalist system, which has plunged the vulnerable populations such as women, children, youth and elderly people into an exclusion process that underpins the impoverishment, unemployment and forced migration of the peoples of the world.

Today we, the children of enslaved, once more break the chains that subjected us to a system of oppression and we stand in solidarity with the world to continue building what our ancestors taught us: A world of peace with social justice.

We, the children of Jose Leonardo Chirino, Negro Miguel, Juana Ramirez *la Avanzadora*, Matea and Hipolita, Simon Bolivar and Hugo Chavez, will continue to raise the flags of freedom, we will continue being maroons.

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