



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The People's Power Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, held a meeting with Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Brussels.

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza expressed the political will of Venezuela to open spaces for dialogue with Europe in this high-level meeting with the highest representative of the European Union on foreign affairs.

Arreaza recalled to Mogherini that Venezuela does not recognize the authority let alone the legality of the imposed unilateral sanctions, which clearly violate the International Law and contradict the founding spirit of the European Union. The Minister also regretted the European Union full submission to Donald Trump's administration policies against Venezuela.

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister expressed that the elections to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> shall be another demonstration of the social-political claim of the Venezuelan People. He ratified the democratic nature of Venezuela; evidenced by holding over than 25 safe and transparent elections that have been accompanied with international electoral observation, thus demonstrating the real existence of electoral guarantees, which are also recognized by the democratic opposition.

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza expressed to the Vice-President of the European Commission, Federica Mogherini that our country continues moving towards negotiated solutions under the Constitution and Venezuelan laws, in an open, transparent and democratic manner, despite the fact that an opposition sector continues to act intransigently and contradict the democratic values by constantly promoting violence.

In this regard, the Minister called on the European Union not to be involved in the war campaign led by the U.S. foreign policy, which encourages the radical sectors from opposition to ignore the principles of democracy. Arreaza urged the European Union to call on these sectors for avoiding violence and committing to political dialogue and actively participation in the Venezuelan democratic and electoral processes.

Foreign Minister Arreaza expressed the will of Venezuela to keep an open dialogue and communication with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs, Federica Mogherini.

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