



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informs the public of its decision of terminating the conversations between the Government of the United States and the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela with regards to a possible agreement for the mutual establishment of interest offices after the break in diplomatic relations; a process during which both parties committed to continue applying the privileges established by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 to the remaining personnel at the respective diplomatic missions.

Once the original thirty-day period, as well as the subsequent additional fifteen-day extension were expired, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had decided not to grant a new extension for the permanence of the U.S. diplomatic agents still present in the country, in virtue of which, on March 11, 2019, the U.S. government has been asked to remove from the national territory the remaining personnel of its former Embassy in Caracas, within the next seventy-two hours, starting at the zero hour of March 12, 2019.

The permanence in Venezuelan territory of the abovementioned personnel entails risks to the country's peace, integrity and stability, as has been insinuated on numerous occasions by different spokespersons of the highest level in the Trump Administration, who have threatened with the use of military force under the pretext of protecting the diplomatic personnel in Caracas. They are the same officials that have systematically lied to the world regarding Venezuelan reality and have personally directed false flag operations to justify an intervention.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informs that if the will remains to resume conversations on the eventual establishment of interest offices, these shall be set forward through the respective representations before the United Nations. Likewise, Venezuela maintains its unalterable willingness to keep communication and dialogue channels open with the United States Government, as long as, throughout them, a relationship of equality and mutual respect, are maintained.

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