



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the new obsessive and joint acts of aggression and economic war by the US government against the peoples of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, this time under the threat of implementing illegal mechanisms of extraterritorial prosecuting, with the purpose of retaliating against entities making foreign direct investment in Cuba.

As announced by Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, the entry into force of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, next May 2<sup>nd</sup>, represents an escalation of the criminal blockade that, for sixty years, has affected the Cuban people's sovereignty and human rights and has been condemned, year after year, by an overwhelming vote in the UN General Assembly.

This political decision, masked under a fraudulent legal instrument nature, is a judicial aberration aimed to expand extraterritoriality of the unilateral and illegal measures to affect Cuba and third countries, in a new flagrant violation of International Law and the United Nations Charter.

The announcement was made on the occasion of the anniversary of the invasion in Playa Giron and reveals the spirit of revenge of the US ruling supremacist elite, who, in complicity with the mafia-like Cuban-American lobby, seeks to go back in history to restore the terrible opprobrium and abuse times of the pro-imperialist dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. Hence, apart from the above infamous announcement, they threaten to resume restrictions on flights and funds remittances to Cuba against American citizens.

The People and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela express their strong support and active solidarity to the Cuban People and Government, with the conviction that the US attempts to break the dignified, sovereign and successful Republic of Cuba shall fail again.

As occurred in Playa Giron, US imperialism shall be defeated once more by the unity, conscience and patriotism of the People of Cuba led by the immortal legacy of Jose Marti and Fidel Castro.

Venezuela shall continue exercising the Bolivarian Diplomacy of Peace to demand the cessation of the unilateral coercive measures as an instrument of colonial domination, in defense of Peoples independence and self-determination and making vows for the triumph of Multilateralism and International Law.

**Caracas, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**