



COMMUNIQUÉ:

The member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People's Commerce Treaty (ALBA-TCP), express their concern about the recent destabilization attempts in the Republic of Suriname, aimed against President Desiré Delano Bouterse, with the purpose of generating situations of instability and directly affecting next year's electoral process.

We have observed with concern how an ongoing judicial process involving President Bouterse, where all legal procedures have not yet been exhausted, is being manipulated with political aims to generate instability and prevent the former's participation in the 2020 presidential elections.

It is not the first time that national minority conservative forces, allied with transnational interests, attempt to judicialize politics, what is known as lawfare, with the purpose of altering conditions to promote the fall of a

popular and independent government, and to promote the restoration of neoliberal policies.

That is why we denounce that authorities from countries such as France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States have passed premature, unnecessary, and irresponsible value judgements on ongoing judicial processes with the purpose of influencing the court's verdict, what constitutes a clear intervention in internal affairs that only concern the people of Suriname and its authorities.

We, the ALBA-TCP countries categorically reject this pattern of interference, already characteristic in our region, and we ask that Suriname's sovereignty, its institutions and the will of its people expressed democratically at the polls is respected.

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