



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The People's Power Ministry for Foreign Relations reports that, this morning, Friday August 14th 2020, the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros, had a telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

During this contact, President Maduro thanked the cooperation of the Turkish Government for the contribution and donation of medical materials as part of the efforts made by the National Government in the fight against COVID-19. President Erdoğan, on his part, confirmed the prompt supply of additional aid to Venezuela and pledged to continue supporting the Venezuelan people during the global battle against the spread of the Coronavirus.

Within the framework of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Venezuela and Turkey, both presidents agreed in the need to promote even more strongly the bilateral cooperation agenda. In this regard, they welcomed the recent entry into force of the binational trade agreement, with the commitment of raise economic relations to the highest level.

During the conversation, President Erdoğan firmly rejected the imposition of unilateral coercive measures against Venezuela, especially in the context of a pandemic that is affecting humanity. In this sense, he stressed that Venezuelans must resolve their differences within the framework of democracy, with due respect of their sovereignty and independence.

Both presidents agreed on the importance of deepening bilateral cooperation for the mutual development of their peoples and expressed their desire to meet in person as soon as the health conditions allow.

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