



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan government and people, expresses his warmest congratulations to the honourable Laotian government and people on the Forty-Second Anniversary of its National Day.

We, Venezuelans, as sovereign and anti-imperialist people, welcome with admiration the achievements during the 42 years since the foundation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and also recall the words of our Great Liberator Simon Bolivar: *"The unity of our peoples is not simply a chimera of men, but an inexorable decree of destiny"*.

Likewise, Venezuela avails of this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to strengthen the political and friendly ties that have bound us since 2005, under the fundamental principles of respect for the sovereignty and self-determination of our peoples.

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