



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the restrictive measures against seven senior officials of our country imposed in an illegally and unilaterally way by the European Union and adopted today by the Foreign Affairs Council in the city of Brussels. Such unworthy actions violate the fundamental precepts of the Charter of the United Nations as well as intend to exert a flagrant interference in the internal affairs of our country.

Today, the European Union submits once again irrefutable evidences of its evident subordination before Donald Trump's supremacist and racist administration. These decisions indicate an erratic and interventionist policy towards our country, which inevitably reminisce the ancient and surmounted colonialist maneuvers of ancient empires ejected of Our America 200 years ago, thank to the courage and the libertarian willingness of our peoples.

This obsessive action against Venezuela encourages the European Union to infringe its founding principles, by becoming an instrument at the service of the imperialist pretensions of the U.S. government, violating the fundamental regulation of International Law and thus, threatening the stability of our country.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly demands respect for its sovereignty and its institutions -legitimately constituted- from the European Union, as well as it demands the immediate ceasing of hostile policies against our Homeland. Venezuela reserves the needed actions to defend the dignity of our people vis-à-vis imperial attacks, and to protect our democracy, sovereignty and sacred independence.

Caracas, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018