



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan People and Government, highlights the full validity of the Geneva Agreement dated February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1966, on the occasion of the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of its signing. This international agreement is enshrined as the only pathway to a pacific, practical and satisfactory solution to the dispute between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana over the territory of the Esequibo.

The 1966 Geneva Agreement urges Venezuela and Guyana to imperiously find a final solution to this territorial dispute, derived from the fraudulent dispossession that the British colonialism perpetrated against our Homeland by dictating the null and void 1899 Arbitral Award.

The Bolivarian Government uses this remarkable date to decisively and unequivocally ratify its communion with the objective, purpose and reason of the 1966 Geneva Agreement. This wise agreement gives special preeminence to the peaceful, political and negotiated means of settlement, maintaining peaceful coexistence between these two sister nations.

The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela, in accordance with the Bolivarian Diplomacy for Peace, expresses once again its strongest willingness to defend the territorial integrity of our Homeland and to continue political negotiations under the 1966 Geneva Agreement. Within the Geneva Agreement, we can achieve everything; outside the Geneva Agreement, we can achieve nothing.

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela appeals to the people to defend, under the feeling of national unity that saw us be born as a free and sovereign Homeland, our most sacred, legitimate and inalienable rights over the territory of the Esequibo.

**IN VENEZUELA, THE SUN RISES IN THE ESEQUIBO!**

Caracas, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018