



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the recent statements by Under Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Francisco Palmieri, who is once more conferring to himself an authority that nobody has granted to him, in an attempt to ignore our legitimate, democratic and constitutional institutions, with the sole purpose of overthrowing our Government.

Neither the U.S. regime nor its regional subordinates have the legal competence or the moral to try to draw the future of Venezuela, especially when they are responsible for exacerbating the problems that affect the citizens of our country, through the imposition of coercive unilateral sanctions that obstruct national development, and prevent Venezuelans from exercising their rights. As a result, our economy and people suffer the devastating effects of the U.S. actions, which should be regarded as crimes against humanity.

If the U.S. really wants to be the savior of humanity, it should then stop bombarding the countries of Asia and the Middle East, and focus on improving the living conditions of the remaining populations that have been victims of the U.S. destructive desire for imperial power. And if the U.S. is not willing to go that far, it should then be focused on solving the social and economic issues that arose in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, where thousands of people have been forced to abandon their homes after being despised by the supremacist white regime. Likewise, more than four months later, most part of the Island started lacking of electricity and water services, turning the population into real displaced persons and refugees who need the U.S. attention and humanitarian aid.

Venezuela demands the immediate cease of all aggressions and threats by the U.S. regime against our People, and reiterates that Venezuela is a free and sovereign country that will accordingly defend its peace, stability and democracy.

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