



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Government and the Venezuelan people, hereby expresses his most heartfelt greeting and congratulations to the people of the sisterly Dominican Republic in the 174° anniversary of its independence, proclaimed on February 27, 1844.

The brave and worthy Dominican people has witnessed a long struggle for its sovereignty, democracy and social justice with heroes and martyrs like Gregorio Luperon, Juan Pablo Duarte, the Mirabal sisters, Juan Bosch and Francisco Caamaño Deño, among other patriots who are currently an example and guide for the new generations of Our America.

Venezuela recognizes the historical ties of brotherhood with the Dominican People and hereby ratifies its commitment to the union and solidarity through the strengthening of bilateral agreements and the regional integration mechanisms such as Petrocaribe and CELAC towards integral development for the benefits of the peoples and the construction of the Great Homeland, honoring the legacy of the Eternal Commander Hugo Chavez and the dream of the Liberator Simon Bolivar.

The People and the Bolivarian Government express their deep and sincere appreciation for the efforts and dedication given during the process of the Dialogue of Peace in Dominican Republic, exalted by the full and fair mediation of President Danilo Medina and the warm hospitality of the Dominican people.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela wishes to accompany the celebration of the 174° anniversary of Dominican Republic's independence through a message of solidarity and brotherhood between the peoples aiming the development and prosperity of the Great Caribbean for the justice, sovereignty and peace of Our America.

Long live Dominican Republic!

Caracas, February 27th, 2018