

## ALBA-TCP EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT REJECTS THE 2021 REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The Executive Secretariat of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) emphatically rejects the unilateral report of the U.S. Department of State on Human Rights, released on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The pseudo 2021 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices have been issued by a State that has imposed – over 60 years – a genocidal and illegal economic, commercial and financial blockade against a country, which has been intentionally intensified in a pandemic context, thereby committing a prolonged, flagrant and systematic violation of the human rights of an entire people.

The annual reports, issued for almost five decades, represent a form of interference in the internal affairs of States that intends to be used as an instrument to assess the human rights policies of the countries.

A State that imposes unilateral coercive measures against the peoples and governments of the world and conducts disinformation and smear campaigns to harm other States, in addition to failing to review its internal situation, cannot aim to lecture on human rights.

The ALBA-TCP Executive Secretariat reiterates its rejection of the aforementioned Report, which lacks morality and technical rigor and is used opportunistically to attack other States. Likewise, it hereby calls for the rejection of these interfering actions and reaffirms its commitment to the promotion, respect and comprehensive defense of human rights.

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