

## Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan government and people, expresses his fraternal and warm congratulations to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Roosevelt Skerrit, and his government, as well as to the people of Dominica on the occasion of the 39th anniversary of its independence.

The people of Simon Bolivar especially joins the brotherly Dominican people which, under the Roosevelt Skerrit's leadership, has struggled to achieve equality, development, sovereignty, independence and peace for both, Dominica and our Caribbean Grand Homeland.

Thanks to your arduous work, the heroic Dominican people shall overcome all obstacles and vicissitudes that nature has constantly imposed to hinder its development and progress. Thus, Dominica may rise up as a proud, worthy and libertarian people to see its rebirth as the beautiful paradise it has always been.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reaffirms its willingness and intention to continue developing the path set by Commander Hugo Chavez, alongside the Caribbean peoples, through emancipatory mechanisms such as ALBA and



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Petrocaribe, and reiterates its commitment to continue working together towards the building of a world, which respects the Public International Law in favour of peace and stability of humanity.

Long live Dominica!

Caracas, November 3rd, 2017