

**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA  
MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S POWER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**COMMUNIQUÉ**

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically rejects the remarks of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States of America, Michael Pompeo, and denounces, before the international community, the systematic aggressions of the United States of America against Venezuela.

1. The campaign of intelligence operations, conducted at the highest level, to overthrow the constitutional government of President Nicolas Maduro Moros, including the coordination with the governments of Colombia and Mexico to achieve a transition in Venezuela, which corresponds to the actions that the governments of these countries have been leading at the regional level.
2. The financing and logistic support of the United States of America to the Venezuelan opposition, as an integral part of its efforts to destabilize the democracy in Venezuela and to promote violence for political purposes.
3. The enactment and renewal of the Executive Order that classifies Venezuela as an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.
4. The imposition of unilateral and illegal sanctions against high-level officials of the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including the Executive Vice-president of Venezuela, as well as ministers and justices of the Supreme Court, with the purpose of subjecting the Venezuelan State to the designs of the U.S. government.
5. That since the beginning of the current U.S. administration it has carried out over 105 interventionist and hostile actions, leading the efforts of intervention that are being advanced from the Organization of American States (OAS), in clear violation of international law, and threatening with the adoption of "strong and swift economic actions" against the entire Venezuelan people. These collective sanctions are of the clearest imperial style, and seriously detrimental to international law.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela demands the immediate and proper apologies of the U.S. administration, and warns the international community of the certainty of a threat to our country, taking into account the terrible history of this intelligence agency in violating the sovereignty of independent countries, the affectation and suffering of entire populations, and the territorial disintegration of countries not aligned with imperial interests.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela informs that it will denounce, through the corresponding diplomatic channels, the Governments of the United States of America, Colombia and Mexico, including before the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), as it corresponds to us as a free and independent country. This Sunday, 30 July, the Venezuelan people will peacefully go to the polls to express its sovereign will, by means of a universal, direct and secret ballot, in a democratic process, and in exercise of its direct sovereignty, for the election of a National Constituent Assembly.

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