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The People's Power Ministry for Foreign Relations of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expresses its deep indignation at the inexcusable decision adopted by the migration authorities of the Republic of Honduras to detain and isolate for more than eighteen hours the prestigious Venezuelan musical group Los Guaraguao, with the ultimate aim of applying, with guile and in an underhand way, an unfair deportation measure.

We are deeply concerned that this regrettable decision has been adopted after the publication of infamous statements in the Honduran press by one of the most sinister figures of the US policy towards Latin America, Mr. Otto Reich.

It is highly paradoxical to note that a country like Honduras, whose national migrants have been subjected to the most monstrous harassments and cruel and degrading treatment in the United States, not only takes decisions based on such despicable sources of information, but also replicates forms and methods that their own nationals have endured at US airports.

This approach only confirms in practice, with immediate effect, the shameful tutelage of Washington in Tegucigalpa with the sole purpose of affecting relations between brotherly countries.

It is also scandalous to note that, in violation of international law and the obligations assumed by the Honduran State under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, not only were the members of musical group Los Guaraguao at all times refused



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adequate consular assistance, but they were also denied any contact with Venezuelan citizens by means of misleading ruses.

The People's Power Ministry for Foreign Relations of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expresses its most heartfelt solidarity to the Venezuelan musical group Los Guaraguao, and takes the diplomatic actions needed to compensate the moral, physical and spiritual damage that may have been caused to its members during their unjustified detention

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