



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the cynical communiqué by the spokeswoman of the Department of State whereby irresponsibly makes fun of the international community by offering humanitarian aid to Venezuela when, at the same time, the U.S. government persists in its attempts of destabilisation and attacks against Venezuela by means of economic sanctions.

Moreover, it is surprising that the United States government is in a position to offer food and other kind of emergency aid to Venezuela when, since several weeks ago, it haven't been able to properly address the crisis in Puerto Rico caused by the recent hurricanes season.

We urge the United States government to improve its efforts to meet the critical conditions endured by a large segment of its population: 27 million people do not have a health insurance; 21% of children in the U.S. live in poverty; 36.5% of adults in the U.S. suffer from obesity; 32 million people do not know how to read; 41 million people –which surpass the entire population of Venezuela– suffer from hunger; over 125 million Americans live in 204 counties where they are exposed to pollution levels that are harmful to health; 18 million people have been exposed to water contaminated with lead and other polluting substances –as in the case of the population of Flint, which was denounced before the United Nations– among others.

Once more, we demand that the U.S. ends the political and economic harassment and puts an end to the threats against the security and integrity of our country, represented by its unilateral, illegal and illegitimate sanctions that contravene the Charter of the United Nations, the OAS Charter and international law.

The Venezuelan people has freely and sovereignly chosen its destiny and it shall not accept any blackmail or threat from foreign governments. The destiny of Venezuela is decided by the Venezuelans at peace and in a democracy from Venezuela, not from Washington.

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