



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Bolivarian people and government, expresses his sincerest words of congratulation and joy to the government of the Republic of Iraq and its Security Forces for the final victory over the terrorist group self called Islamic State –on the past December 9th, 2017– and the complete liberation of the Iraqi territory and people from the obscure influence of this criminal organization, which, as from 2014, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened to erase the historical memory, values and traditions of the brotherly Iraqi people.

The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela accompanies the joy of the brotherly Iraqi people and government and, at the same time, recognizes and welcomes the efforts by all men, women, martyrs and children of Iraq who showed strength, commitment and sacrifice for the sake of a better future for the next generations.

The Bolivarian people takes advantage of this opportunity to reiterate its support to the people and government of the Republic of Iraq as well as manifests its total historical vocation for supporting the just struggles against terrorism and violence and exalts the peaceful values of dialogue, understanding and justice, which are the only possible path to guarantee a free and harmonic development of all peoples of the world.

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