



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the statements attributed to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, through which he pretends to decline his responsibility in the tensions generated by Guyana, related to the territorial controversy over Guayana Esequiba.

Venezuela reminds, the Secretary General and the International Community, that on February 25, 2018, it warned of the need to respect the Geneva Agreement of 1966, reiterating the letter sent to his predecessor Ban-Ki Moon on December 15, 2016. However, turning its back on the application of the successive means contemplated in the aforementioned agreement, the case was referred, against the will of one of the parties, to the International Court of Justice (ICJ). This action marked a turning point in the behavior of Guyana, which has abandoned the diplomatic path of direct dialogue, making decisions that challenge international legality and threaten the peace and stability of the Caribbean region. Years later, one must pose the question: What was the point of taking this case to the ICJ without the consent of an essential party, such as Venezuela, in violation of the text of the Geneva Agreement?



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It is the actions of Guyana, associated with the United States Southern Command and authorizing concessions in a sea pending delimitation with Venezuela, what is becoming the greatest threat to peace and stability in the Caribbean. Venezuela's insistent call has been aimed at establishing direct, face-to-face talks that would allow progress to be made towards a peaceful and satisfactory resolution for both parties of the controversy over Guayana Esequiba, as established in the only valid document, the Geneva Agreement.

This December 3, the Venezuelan people will decide, in a sovereign, democratic and peaceful manner, their destiny in the struggle to assert their historic rights over the territory of the Guayaba Esequiba. Nothing and no one will divert them from this path.

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