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Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela celebrates with jubilation the 58th anniversary of the signing of the Agreement to Settle the Dispute between Venezuela and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, about the border between Venezuela and British Guyana, known as the 1966 Geneva Agreement of 1966.

This agreement, signed on February 17, 1966 and deposited with the General Secretariat of the United Nations, constitutes the only valid legal instrument for reaching a practical and mutually satisfactory solution to the dispute over the territory of Essequiba Guyana.

Despite the unwavering will of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to continue to apply the contents of the Geneva Agreement, and even more so after the overwhelming popular mandate emanating from the Consultative Referendum of December 3, 2023, it is worrisome the continued disrespect and unwillingness of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana towards its recent historical and legal commitments in this matter.



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Venezuela denounces and rejects the hostile, militaristic and arrogant statements made by the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, which, under the guise of a false victim, openly and frankly violates both the Geneva Agreement and the Argyle Declaration in complicity with external factors to this dispute.

Likewise, the recent visits and declarations of high-level U.S. officials of "security and defense for equipment, training and cooperation" in military maneuvers with Guyana, Constitutes an open threat to the tranquility and peace of Venezuela and the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on this noble occasion of international legality, reiterates its call to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to duly comply with its obligations under the Geneva Agreement of 1966 and to avoid the interference of external factors that contribute nothing to good neighborliness and peaceful regional coexistence.



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On the 58th anniversary of the Geneva Agreement, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela ratifies its unwavering commitment to this legal instrument as a normative framework to reach a mutually satisfactory solution for both parties about The Essequibo and as a means for dialogue and comprehensive political negotiation between Venezuela and Guyana.

The sun of Venezuela rises in the Essequibo!

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