



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the communiqué issued on March 22nd, 2024 by the Government of Guyana, in which it makes improper comments on the Organic Law for the Defense of *Guayana Esequiba*, approved by the National Assembly of Venezuela, which is an evident act of interference in matters that only concerns the Venezuelan people.

Venezuela reminds Guyana that under no circumstances is it compelled to give explanations about the legislative processes of its institutions, our Bolivarian Constitution is very clear in declaring that national sovereignty resides exclusively in the people. The genesis of this Organic Law is based on the decision of the Venezuelan people, expressed in a constitutional and democratic manner in the consultative referendum held in our country on December 3rd, 2023.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has informed the international community that this legal instrument seeks to defend and preserve the sovereign and unquestionable rights of Venezuela over the territory of the Guyana Esequiba, always under the authority of international law and the Geneva Agreement of 1966, the only valid instrument to resolve the territorial dispute between Venezuela and Guyana in an amicable and satisfactory manner.



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Venezuela once again ratifies its firmness and commitment to the dialogue process promoted in Argyle on December 14th, 2023 and ratified at the meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela and Guyana held in Brasilia on January 25th, 2024; from which Guyana seems to have deviated from this process by continuing to generate anxiety in the region by building alliances with military and intelligence entities such as the Southern Command and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, for the benefit of the transnational ExxonMobil, continuing the illegal and provocative practice of granting oil concessions in waters that are pending delimitation with Venezuela.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has been, is and will continue to be a guarantor of peace and good international coexistence.

The Venezuelan sun rises in the Essequibo

Caracas, March 23rd, 2024