



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan people and government, congratulates the brotherly Iranian people and its government, on the occasion of a new Anniversary of the proclamation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 39 years ago, when the Iranian people, led by the Ayatollah Ruhola Jomeini, broadly endorsed the referendum that declared the Iranian State as a Republic, definitely outgrowing the times of the imperial monarchical dictatorship of the last Sha Pahlevi.

Venezuela is aware of the importance of this historic event which has marked the anti-imperialist nature of Iran, a shared characteristic with the Bolivarian Revolution, which allowed a close and deep strategic relation built by Commander Hugo Chavez and deepened by President Nicolas Maduro Moros over the last years, through the development of an extensive cooperation in different fields.

The alliance with the Islamic Republic of Iran represents a fundamental pillar of the foreign policy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and an invaluable friend and support, since it shares the principles of justice, anti-imperialist struggle and defense of independence and sovereignty. Likewise, it is important to remark that both nations participate together in important multilateral forums such as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

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