



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expresses its consternation because of the disclosure made by the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Colombia, on May 2nd, 2018, regarding the location and exhumation of over than nine thousand bodies - victims of the armed conflict - in 30 of 32 provinces of that country.

This painful discovery is a reminder of the inhumane and cruel conflict endured by the Colombian people for decades, which records the chilling figure of 5,547 mass graves found to date.

The aftermath of these events demonstrate the incompetence of the Colombian State and its agencies to protect the civilian population from generalized and systematic attacks, which are deemed as crimes against humanity under the International Law and result in a continued humanitarian crisis.

The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela reiterates its call to the parties of the conflict, especially the Colombian government, to honor their commitments agreed before the international community. The Bolivarian Revolution has devoted great efforts to facilitate the long-awaited construction of peace in Colombia. Venezuela will always be on the side of the Colombian people, brotherly Bolivarian people, for walking the paths of dialogue and understanding towards lasting peace and stability.

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