



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects and condemns the issuance of a new Executive Order by the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, on May 21st, 2018 whereby he intends to broaden and add new unilateral and arbitrary coercive measures, which intensify the criminal financial and economic blockade against Venezuela, in flagrant violation of the international law.

Once again, Venezuela condemns the systematic campaign of aggressions and hostilities by the U.S. regime which seeks to punish the Venezuelan people for exercising its sacred and legitimate right to vote, through illicit and illegitimate measures which attempt to expand the economic and financial siege against our Homeland, undermining our people's right to self-determination and infringing upon its model of socio-economic development.

We warn the international community of the threat which the supremacist, racist and interventionist ruling regime in Washington poses to world peace, inspired by the heinous postulates of the Ku Klux Klan, thus promoting hatred, intolerance and political and financial lynching against the dignified people of Venezuela.

These unilateral and arbitrary measures represent a crime against humanity which hinder Venezuela's right to development and hamper the access of the population to essential goods. The U.S. government uses the needs of the Venezuelan people as a political weapon to attack Venezuelan institutions and stability of the Republic, thus promoting the overthrow of the Head of State, President Nicolas Maduro, within the framework of the imperial doctrine of regime change.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reiterates its rejection to these illicit measures and calls upon the U.S. government to desist from violating the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of international law, and conversely, choose the path of respectful relations and bilateral diplomatic dialogue. Venezuela, worthy heiress of the Liberator of America, Simon Bolivar, shall defend – with unwavering will – the epic victory won by the Venezuelan people at reelecting, in its own right, President Nicolas Maduro for the highest office of the country.

**Caracas, May 22nd, 2018**