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In the evening hours of Tuesday, May 22, the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, received a phone call from the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, whereby he was congratulated for the electoral victory. The Turkish President welcomed the peace and quiet that prevailed during the Venezuelan electoral day, and at the same time he congratulated President Maduro on his important triumph, thus achieving the reelection for the next constitutional term with a large people's support. Moreover, he wished that the success of these elections contribute further to the strengthening of country's prosperity.

The Turkish President expressed his full conviction on the need to further develop the bilateral relations between both countries, as from this new Venezuelan political stage. He also highlighted the cooperation on food, mining, finance, industry, defense and civil aviation sectors, among others, and suggested the implementation of joint production and technology transfer plans. During the conversation, it was acknowledged the implicit potential of the Agreement on Commercial Development celebrated between both countries recently.

Lastly, President Erdoğan expressed his satisfaction with the participation of Venezuela in the meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was convened in Istanbul in order to address the solidarity with the State of Palestine.

On the other hand, President Maduro thanked the call and provided details on these historical electoral results, which were achieved amidst an unprecedented imperial aggression, and he took the best wishes of President Erdoğan as words of encouragement for the new term. President Maduro also expressed the will of his government to strengthen the economic plans between Turkey and Venezuela and accelerate and enhance the comprehensive relation between both countries.

The Venezuelan Head of State wished every success to President Erdoğan and the Turkish people in the upcoming electoral process to be held on June 24th. Both dignitaries agreed that, as from this date, the relations between both countries will be considerably intensified. The two presidents also agreed upon holding a future meeting following the Turkish elections.

To conclude, President Maduro conveyed a special congratulation to President Erdoğan and Turkish people for the holding of Ramadan.



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