



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the report on the alleged situation of human rights in the country, published by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as a result of a highly questionable methodology which buries the credibility and technical rigor required from an Office of such nature, as well as it violates the principles of objectivity, impartiality and non-selectivity.

Such report constitutes a further evidence of the complete contempt shown by Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein towards institutions and the international legal framework and which has characterized his bleak tenure as High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations.

This is a report about an UN member State, which does not have an express mandate of the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly. Therefore, such document constitutes an arbitrary act that violates the Office's operating rules and impinges on the powers of other UN agencies.

The High Commissioner, amid his evident obsession against Venezuela, deliberately ignores actions and special proceedings conclusions of the Human Rights Council itself, which dismantle the slanders contained in this recent and politicized report. Among the proceedings ignored by such report, it is ignored the conclusions by the Independent Expert of the Human Rights Council, Alfred De Zayas and the Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures against the enjoyment of human rights.

Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein confirms his complicity with the multiform aggression that is underway against Venezuela, remaining silent before the negative impact on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights that arises from the unilateral coercive measures imposed by the government of the United States of America and its servile allies in the region and in the world, ignoring the broad UN doctrine on this matter.



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It is worth noting that all the official information that the Bolivarian Government has provided has been intentionally ruled out in the report of the Office of the High Commissioner in order to build a grotesque media farce in this matter, in alliance with other multilateral actors in Washington's service.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reiterates its unavoidable commitment to human rights in the terms established in the Venezuelan Constitution and international treaties validly subscribed and ratified by the Republic, as well as its willingness to continue cooperating with the agencies of the United Nations system concerning Human Rights, provided that the sovereignty of the country is respected and that they act with rigor and in favor of the truth.

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