

## Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan people welcomes the expression of democratic will made by the people of Mexico, by exercising its right to sovereignty through the federal elections on July 1st, 2018.

In this regard, the President Nicolas Maduro conveys his sincerest congratulations and wishes every success to the elected President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, after his historic popular victory derived from the unobjectionable support by the large majority of Mexicans.

There will be serious challenges that the new Mexican leadership is to face in order to strengthen the independence and guarantee the social rights of the Emiliano Zapata and Benito Juarez people.

The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela wishes to build -together with the new Mexican government- strong bilateral relations based on the comprehensive cooperation, no interference in the internal affairs and respect for the self determination of our peoples.

Furthermore, the peoples of Venezuela and Mexico are called upon to work together for consolidating the imperative union process of Latin America and the Caribbean, thus reaffirming our region as a zone of peace, prosperity, sovereignty and solidarity.

Caracas, July 2nd, 2018