



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the statement of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, who seeks to disregard the Venezuelan State's institutions and the authentic will of its people, directly expressed in a legitimate, constitutional, participatory, protagonist and peaceful manner, time and again, and without intermediaries.

On July 5th – national day when all the Venezuelan People gathers to celebrate its unwavering right to Independence, self-determination, sovereignty, identity and national dignity and the glorious legacy of its liberators as well – is opportune to reiterate and remind to empires that 207 years ago, we decided to be free with an irreversible will.

Venezuela will never stop denouncing the immoral double standard of the U.S. Government, which has self-assumed the role of world police, intending to illegitimately judge the political, economic and social systems that only the peoples have the right to do so.

We urge the government of the United States of America to immediately cease its illegal and criminal blockade against the People of Venezuela and at the same time, we appeal to hold a bilateral dialogue based on mutual respect. The Venezuelan People shares the common values of freedom and democracy with the U.S. People, but we will neither accept any imposition nor give an inch of our sacred sovereignty.

We echo the words of our Liberator: "Since I love freedom, I have noble and liberal sentiments; and if I tend to be severe, it is only with those who seek to destroy us."

Caracas, July 5th, 2018