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BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA PEOPLE'S POWER MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS

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The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela hereby strongly rejects the measure adopted by the President of the United States, Donald Trump, to extend for another year the blockade against the Government and the People of Cuba, thus intending to undermine the way for a reencounter of both countries initiated in 2015 and showing, once again, the arrogant and anachronistic will of the current U.S. administration against the peoples who are determined to forge their own way of identity and sovereignty.

The blockade that the U.S. Government has unilaterally kept for 55 years against Cuba has historically been rejected by the United Nations General Assembly with a consensus that is broken solely by the imperial stubbornness. It has likewise been unanimously condemned by the 33 countries making up the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, and other integration fora, such as ALBA, Unasur and Caricom. Today, we also reaffirm the profound words of Eternal Commander Hugo Chávez in a letter addressed in 2011 to the Secretary General of the United Nations: *“All arguments of international sense being exhausted, we cannot but believe that such viciousness against the Cuban Revolution is the result of the imperial arrogance vis-à-vis the dignity and valor shown by the rebellious*



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Cuban People in its sovereign decision to hold the reigns of its destiny and strive for its happiness.”

This long-standing action by the U.S. imperialism violates International Law, the human rights and the fundamental liberties of the peoples, and the principle of non-interference and self-determination as well. The Bolivarian Government reiterates its call to respect the numberless appeals of the international community so that this criminal attack against the heroic Cuban People stops.

This new action implemented by President Trump intends to block the path of reencounter which the governments of the United States and Cuba had begun to undertake and which was commended by the international community, and Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly, a region which has been certified as a Peace Zone.

The Government and the People of Venezuela express their most profound and committed solidarity to the brotherly Cuban People in view of this new imperialist aggression and raise our voices with the giant Jose Marti as he said: *“Barbarians, for whom everything relies on force and violence, construct nothing because their seeds are made of hatred”*.

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