



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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1. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the continuous unilateral practice of the Government of the United States of America of evaluating, qualifying and issuing resolutions on policies of sovereign countries in connection with matters concerning exclusively their domestic affairs.

2. The Resolution issued by President Trump about countries with a high traffic or production of illicit drugs for fiscal year 2018 exposes the alleged fight against drugs by the Government of the United States as a weapon with political purposes. The sovereign anti-drugs policy of Venezuela is the target of such resolution even though the situation of drugs production in other countries has worsened considerably. The U.S. Government disregards the fact that Venezuela has made a significant progress in the fight against drugs, especially since 2005, when the Venezuelan Government terminated an agreement with the Drugs Enforcement Administration. As from that moment Venezuela has doubled the efficiency in terms of drugs seized and incinerated. The U.S. Government disregards as well the fact that such progress of Venezuela in this matter has been recognised by the United Nations Organisation which has declared Venezuela as an illicit crops-free country.



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3. The statement issued last September 12, 2017, by the Assistant Secretary of State in charge of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, William Brownfield, as well as this new resolution constitutes another aggression by the U.S. Government aimed at strengthening a campaign that seeks to convey the idea that Venezuela, which is not known as a drugs producing or consuming country, as a State under the control of drug cartels so as to legitimise their political goal of destabilizing and intervening the Venezuelan Government.

4. At present, the United States is the main illicit drugs consumption market, the reason why drugs production and traffic continue to be a profitable business for organized crime. the U.S. Government should revise its domestic policies to ensure the reduction of the use of drugs which is the source of the problem instead of making efforts to evaluate and punish other sovereign countries affected by this supply, We urge the U.S. Government to stop using this issue as a political weapon and to immediately revise its inefficient policies which seek to destabilise a peace zone like the American continent.

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