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

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1. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the decision of the Canadian Government that intends to impose illegal sanctions on Venezuelan senior State officials in flagrant violation of the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the OAS Charter, the international law and the rules that govern the friendly and cooperative relations among the States.
2. Venezuela denounces these unfriendly and hostile measures before the international community, which violate, among others, the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of the States, and intends to undermine the peace and social stability achieved in our country after the installation of the National Constituent Assembly and the continued efforts made by the National Government in favour of dialogue and political understanding among the different sectors of our country. These sanctions aim at to undermine the efforts



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of the Venezuelan Government and opposition to engage on a dialogue supported and accompanied by some members of the international community.

3. The objective of this aggression is to disavow the Venezuelan State institutions and to continue to support the violence of extremists groups that the Canadian government itself has protected and fostered at international fora. Once peace was achieved by means of defeating the violent actors, the anti-national interests attempt to create a crisis from abroad. On the past September 5th, 2017, the government of Canada established an abhorrent relationship of subordination with the President Donald Trump's administration with the explicit purpose to overthrow the constitutional government of Venezuela, employing economic sanctions as political weapons.
4. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in exercise of its sovereign rights, rejects the imperial behaviour of those States that think of themselves with the power to violate the international law and denounces the false progressive rhetoric of the Canadian government, which makes partnership with the most retrograde spokesperson of the American white supremacism, who is attacking the majority of the countries in the



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hemisphere. This decision of the Canadian government deeply harms the bonds of friendship and respect that have led the relations between our countries for years; therefore, Venezuela shall consider all measures that may be necessary to defend its national interest and sovereignty.

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