



**SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ESCALATION OF HOSTILE
ACTIONS AND THREATS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF
VENEZUELA AND THE PROCLAMATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN AS A “ZONE OF PEACE”**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations echoes the deep concern of a large number of States from Latin America and the Caribbean regarding the recent deployment of U.S. military forces to that region, including assets with nuclear capability, in a direct escalation of hostile actions and threats against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations recall, in this context, the Special Communiqué issued on 16 August 2025 and reiterate their condemnation and categorical rejection at the threat of use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations expresses its firm support to all efforts aimed at upholding the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, while highlighting that this declaration, issued by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in 2014, affirms the sovereign right of their peoples to determine their own destinies, free from external interference, and their permanent commitment to solve disputes through peaceful means, with the aim of uprooting forever the use or threat of use of force in the region.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations recognize the efforts of the Latin American and Caribbean region in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, as demonstrated by its historic determination to remain a denuclearized region, since 1967, following the adoption of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which established the first-ever Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone in a densely populated region of the world, and call on respect to this character, including by strictly adhering to the provisions of Protocols I and II of that landmark and legally binding instrument, to which the United States of America is a signatory.



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5. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms its unwavering solidarity with the People and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela – a fellow and founding member of our grouping –, and urge the government of the United States of America to de-escalate its actions and rhetoric in the Latin America and Caribbean region, including against Venezuela, and to scrupulously respect its obligations under international law.

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