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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 irrational decision by the Government of the United States of America of classifying the kind people of Venezuela as a national security threat, in this occasion under false allegations that they constitute a terrorist threat and a threat to U.S. public order.
2. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela becomes one with the New York Political Declaration unanimously adopted last March 20th, 2017 by the 120 Foreign Ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and reaffirms its strong condemnation against the enactment and enforcement of coercive unilateral measures in open violation of the purposes and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, the international law and the rules which should govern friendly and cooperative relations among the States.
3. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in reaffirming its principled position with respect to the condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, hereby denounces before the international community the unfriendly and hostile actions of the Government of the United States of America which seek to demonize our nation under the pretext of fighting terrorism by including our country in a list unilaterally prepared where other States are accused as well of allegedly



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promoting such a dreadful scourge. It is important to highlight that this type of lists do not abide by the international law and constitute per se a form of psychological and political terrorism. Indeed, our people is sanctioned due to its pacifist conviction, and due to its tolerance and respect for the various religions and beliefs that are freely and harmoniously professed in our country.

4. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces before the free peoples of the world that such action, further to be a part of the campaign already denounced of systematic aggressions against our country, seeks to justify the use of such serious topics like the fight on terrorism as a means to attain political objectives, and intends, at the same time, to promote a wrong opinion in the U.S. population and exert pressures upon the Venezuelan State institutions and the civil servants sanctioned with the recently adopted measure to coerce and force a change of government in Venezuela.

5. In the exercise of its sovereign rights, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the imperial behaviour of the Government of the United States of America and informs that, in accordance with the principle of reciprocity, will consider all the necessary measures to defend the national interest and sovereignty.

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