



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
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The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Bolivarian people and government hereby expresses its firm and unwavering solidarity with the brotherly people and government of the Republic of Cuba in the light of the recent actions made by the U.S. government.

On September 29th, 2017, the United States Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, announced the decision to significantly reduce the diplomatic staff of the U.S. Embassy in Havana and return all diplomatic staff's families, based on the argument that U.S. government officers appointed to Cuba have been "attacked", which has caused them health issues.



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On October 3rd, 2017, once more, the U.S. government ordered without any justification, that 15 officers of the Embassy of Cuba in Washington leave the territory of the United States, based on the reduction of its own diplomatic staff in Havana and that the Cuban Government had failed to take the necessary measures to prevent the “attacks” against U.S. officers in Havana.

The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela hereby expresses its deep concern and denounces these unfounded and unacceptable decisions and the pretext used to justify them, which affirms that the Cuban Government had failed to adopt the appropriate measures to prevent the alleged incidents.

The Venezuelan people and government reaffirm their solidarity with the people and government of Cuba in this scenario where the U.S. government seeks to provoke an undesired escalation in order to disturb and further reverse the bilateral relations, perturbed already by the announcement of a new policy made by the president Donald Trump in past June.

Caracas, October 3rd, 2017.