



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces before the international community the sustained policy of aggression by the government of the United States of America, through its unilateral and illegal coercive measures, judicial decisions and other restrictive and punitive measures, aimed at controlling and taking ownership of its assets abroad, with the intermediation of the opposition's Unitary Platform which, under an anti-national conduct, insist on causing irreversible damage to our people, constituting a plunder of the resources of all Venezuelans.

The Government of the United States of America, through the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury, acting in bad faith, violating all legal principles, including those of a domestic nature, colludes with extremist groups in Venezuelan politics and intends to dispossess the people of Venezuela, through an illegal and immoral expropriation of Citgo Petroleum Corporation. A rapacious and criminal action with the sole objective of causing the maximum possible damage to the citizens of our country.

These actions strike the dialogues in Mexico and constitute a blow against the International Conference on the Venezuelan Political Process, convened by the president of Colombia, Gustavo Petro, in which almost unanimously, the attending countries demanded that the US government stops the aggression, by immediately lifting the criminal sanctions and the blockade against Venezuela.



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The Republic warns that any payment agreement or transaction in connection with any debt, controversy, litigation or judicial decision relating to the Republic and/or any entity in which it has a shareholding interest, which is negotiated, entered into and/or executed under General License 42 issued by OFAC, or any other general or specific license, as well as any decision derived therefrom, issued by foreign bodies, entities or Public Authorities, is null and void and illegal under the laws of Venezuela and under International Law, and therefore shall not be recognized by the Venezuelan State, nor by its of Public Authorities, including the National Executive of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, represented by President Nicolás Maduro Moros.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reserves the right to take all legal measures within its reach to prevent this new aggression from taking place and to determine the corresponding criminal responsibilities, inside and outside its territory.

Venezuela reiterates its denunciation against the United States of America for actions that violate the right to free trade and international law and reiterates its commitment to assert the rights of all Venezuelan people.

Caracas, May 1, 2023