



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

COMMUNIQUÉ ALBA-TCP CONDEMNS THE APPROVAL OF NICA ACT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

The member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People’s Trade Treaty (ALBA–TCP) hereby strongly reject the approval of the bill known as *NICA Act* by the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. This bill has the solely purpose to undermine the sovereignty, independence and self-determination of the Nicaraguan people by establishing extraterritorial constraints that contravenes the provisions of international law.

The ALBA–TCP countries reject the promotion of such kind of initiatives that represent interference in the domestic affairs of Nicaragua by the U.S. Congress and show the historical continuity of the interventionist policies applied to the progressive governments of Latin America and the Caribbean. The measures proposed in the bill violate the principles of the International law and intend to use economic aggression mechanisms to pressure the Nicaraguan people and government for making internal political changes.

The ALBA–TCP countries reaffirm our solidarity and unconditional support to the government and people of Nicaragua who have shown their profound commitment with peace and the development of national unity policies through the respectful and inclusive dialogue, and represent an example of determination and fight for the full exercise of their own sovereignty.

Caracas, October 6th, 2017