



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

COMMUNIQUÉ ALBA–TCP REJECTS THE EXPULSION OF CUBAN DIPLOMATS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People’s Trade Treaty (ALBA–TCP) hereby reject the recent decision announced by the United States Department of State to expel 15 (fifteen) Cuban diplomats of the Embassy of Cuba in Washington D.C.

This decision by the government of the United States shows its interest to politicize the alleged incidents suffered by U.S. diplomats in Havana. Cuba has reaffirmed its readiness to cooperate and advance the corresponding investigations in order to clarify these events.

The expulsion of 15 (fifteen) Cuban diplomats and the recent decisions related to the Embassy of the United States in Havana, represent a hasty and disproportionate answer to events that have not yet been clarified and no conclusive results have been reached through a joint investigation.

The Government of Cuba has strictly respected the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 regarding the protection of the integrity of diplomatic agents and their families accredited to that country.

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