

The member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) congratulate the people and the institutions of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the democratic, inclusive, participatory and transparent "2017 Regional Elections" held on October 15th, 2017.

This electoral event shows Venezuela's vibrant and profound democratic vocation. It also reflects the political maturity of the Venezuelan people, their full exercise of their democratic will, as well as the tolerance and respect of sovereignty, showing that voting is the key to peace.

The ALBA-TCP reiterates to the international community the need to respect the rules of International Law and not to intervene in the internal affairs of the States. Any attempt to disregard an electoral process that counted with the presence of more than 70 international observers, only aims to promote destabilization and violence in Venezuela.

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Caracas, October 17th, 2017