



## RED DE SOLIDARIDAD LATINO AMERICANA Y CARIBEÑA DE EDMONTON

### STATEMENT

#### ***Our solidarity to the Venezuelan people on their election triumph of sunday october 15th***

*With great joy and satisfaction, we, the Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Network of Edmonton, express our sincere congratulations to our compañero/comrade President Nicolas Maduro, to the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), and to the Venezuelan people in general, for their triumph obtained on this great civic and democratic celebration for PEACE, legitimately convened by the National Constituent Assembly (ANC).*

*In the frame of these free and democratic elections, the Venezuelan people have reaffirmed their conviction to fight for just and necessary PEACE and to move the country forward with the participation of all social sectors, institutions, and political actors who took to the polls. The result was a 61.4 percent of the electorate voting, reaffirming 18 governorates or states, of the 23, for the PSUV and only 5 for joined right-wing MUD, who lost important bastions, places where the Venezuelan population said NO MORE to the continuity of the violence.*

*The interventionist insistence of the US administration increases every so treacherously, to the extent that in disavowing the Venezuelan citizen's, of more than 11 million people, the right to exercised their vote within an electoral system, considered one of the best in the world and even still recognized by the right-wing parties who endorsed the electoral results and in spite the fact that the international observation community have acknowledged the capacity and reliability in the electoral system, the US retrograde conception continues to annul this historical event to justify and expand greater unilateral sanctions against Venezuela without ruling out direct measures.*

*At the same time, surprisingly, the Government of Canada, immediately after hearing the electoral results, delegitimized this example of democracy, despite the failed theory of electoral fraud, in addition, to the rhetoric previously announced by the US. It is incredible to believe that a country such as Canada, with a vision to recognize democracy around the world would lends itself to this political game of interfere that could culminate in diplomatic difficulties between both countries.*

*Despite the negativity, once again, we congratulate the Venezuelan people for their democratic work and courage to push, advance and defend their sovereign state and to President Maduro for his conviction to achieve PAZ and continue the dialogue with political opponents in order to arrive at the signing of understandings of a homeland that is Just, Prosperous and Sovereign.*

*As Canadian citizens, we also urge the government of Canada to rectify and constructively contribute to harmony in the Latin, North and South American hemisphere and global PEACE.*

***Long live the PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA!!!!***

*October 21th, 2017*

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