

## Communiqué

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, on behalf of the Venezuelan Government and people, expresses his solidarity with the Government and people of the Russian Federation and notes with concern the expulsion measures against Russian diplomats implemented by the United States and some European countries, based on unfounded accusations on the alleged participation of Russian authorities in the case of the former spy Serguei Skripal.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela urges the international community to stop such actions which blatantly violate international law and diplomatic conventions and which lead to the increase of tensions and world instability. Likewise, it calls for the parties to agree upon the establishment of positive conversations, aiming at settling any disputes and rejecting the implementation of unilateral measures, which requires the conduction of impartial investigation with strict adherence to international law.

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