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TOPIC OF THE WEEK

CELAC 6th Summit: concrete results for integration

Keeping joint efforts in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change, threats to regional stability and sustainable development are the main topics of the agenda agreed at the VI Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), held on September 18th in Mexico, which holds the pro tempore presidency of the organization.

In a joint declaration, CELAC calls for guaranteeing equitable access to vaccines, a task in which Cuba, the only producer of antigens in the region, ratified its commitment; containing the advance of the virus and seeking "a model of sustainable development (...) that places people at the center of our policies."

A health self-sufficiency plan for Latin America and the Caribbean, suggested by ECLAC, was also approved, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was urged to ensure timely access to Special Drawing Rights for vulnerable countries.

Furthermore, it was agreed to create the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE, by its acronym in Spanish), to cooperate in the use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

New institutional framework

The President of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, proposed to resume the councils of ministers of economy, social affairs and politics; as well as to

create a general secretariat of CELAC, which "will take the lead in the building of what is the dream stated by some of you:" a solid model of integration. The President also stated that it is necessary to overcome the divisionism that drives the harassment against Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua. At the same time, he thanked Mexico for its support in the dialogue with the so-called Unitary Platform and invited countries of the region to attend the regional and local elections of November 21.

Rejection of the UCMs

The summit reiterated the repudiation of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM), including the lists and certifications that affect Latin American and Caribbean countries such as Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua, and reaffirmed the commitment to International Law.

In this regard, the President of Bolivia, Luis Arce, stated the need to strengthen CELAC in view of the obsolete and ineffective nature of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Towards COP26

In its final declaration, CELAC ratifies the highest political commitment in the fight against climate change and the promotion of more efforts around the Paris Agreement.

In addition, CELAC advocates that the UN Climate

Of interest

The CELAC heads of State and Government received messages from the President of China, Xi Jinping, and the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, reaffirming the relevance of the bloc in the international arena.

Strategic links

After meeting in Mexico City with his Bolivian counterpart, Luis Arce, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro declared that both countries are "an example of union, friendship and cooperation for the integral development of our peoples."

The head of state also met with the Peruvian president, Pedro Castillo, with whom he agreed to coordinate a massive day of the Return to the Homeland Plan.

Change Conference (COP26), next November, should begin deliberations on the new quantified collective goal for climate finance for developing countries.

Remarkable success

President Nicolás Maduro said that the summit is a remarkable success and represents "a step forward to resume and relaunch CELAC."

Upon setting foot on Venezuelan soil, the President reiterated his satisfaction: "Mission accomplished in Mexico, a good victory for the Latin American and Caribbean union."

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DIPLOMACY

Venezuela advocates at the UN for a new world free of domination

The President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, demanded the end of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UMC) against Venezuela, calling on the 76th General Assembly of the United Nations to build a world free of colonialism, imperialism and any other form of domination.

He warned about the instrumentalization of international organizations "to justify the fierce campaign" against the country: "It is a financial, monetary, commercial, economic, energetic, systematic and criminal persecution. And Venezuela raises its voice to denounce it before the peoples of the world."

In the face of this onslaught -he stressed- Venezuela went from a phase of resistance to one of recovery and growth, evidence that it is possible to "confront imperial aggressions and move forward." He reaffirmed the demand to put an end to the UCM: "We say this with the reason and the morality that assists us."

Among the advances, he emphasized the dialogue with different sectors, such as the round table with the extremist opposition in Mexico City, and the

29th election in 20 years, in which factors previously separated from the democratic path will participate in November: "We have managed to bring them back to politics, to the Constitution and to the electoral path." He thanked Mexico, Norway, Russia, the Netherlands and the Secretary-General of the UN, Antonio Guterres, for their support to the dialogue, and requested the support of that organization for a global agreement for "peace, sovereignty, prosperity and the comprehensive recovery of Venezuela."

Venezuela reiterated its commitment to a practical and verifiable response to global warming, a task that requires consolidating the "multipolar, pluricentric world" longed for by the peoples of the planet, particularly the peoples of the South.

"It is the time of sovereignty, of independence" to move towards a new world and a new UN, to share life, solidarity and "the just and necessary path of a new community."

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Against discrimination and xenophobia

Venezuela, a multiethnic and multicultural society, calls for the eradication of racial discrimination and xenophobia, and reaffirms the compromise with inclusion and "the awareness of respect for diversity in the midst of the differences," Foreign Minister Félix Plasencia expressed at the UN's headquarters in New York, during the High Level meeting on the 20th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration against racism and all forms of intolerance.

At the UN the agenda of the Minister included bilateral meetings with the ministers of Foreign Affairs of Botswana, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Nicaragua,

Nigeria, Palestine, Senegal, South Africa, Turkey and Vietnam. He also accompanied Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to the inauguration of The House of Turkey, new office of the mission of that country before the UN.

Likewise he met with the Presidents of the 76th period of sessions of the General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid, and of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Peter Maurer; the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Miguel Ángel Moratinos, and the UNDP Sub-Secretary General, Ushad Rao Monart.

CAPSULES OF IDEAS

"The freedom of America forms my system, and planting it is my only desire."

José Gervasio Artigas, Uruguay, 1813.

NEWS BRIEF



Cooperation with WFP

The President of the Republic Nicolás Maduro, and the Director of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), David Beasley, ratified the cooperation agreed between both parts last April. "We signed the cooperation compromise with this prestigious international body, and have reached important achievements and we're set for more," the Head of State manifested.

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Congratulations to Russia on elections

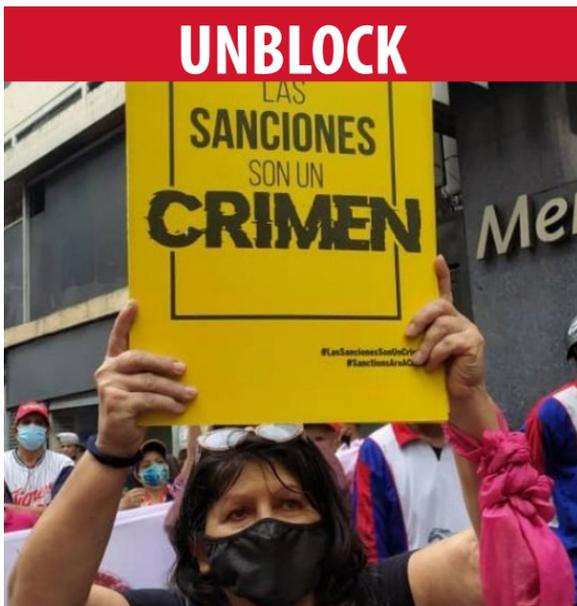
Venezuela congratulated Russia for the successful electoral day of the deputies for the State Duma of the Federal Assembly, where the party Russia United was victorious. In a communique Venezuela ratified "the firm compromise with the development of the strategic alliance between Russia and Venezuela, led by Presidents Vladimir Putin and Nicolás Maduro."

Bouteflika, leader of the South-South integration

Venezuela expressed its condolences to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the death of former President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, referring to him as the "hero of the cause of the free nations of the world." The communique emphasizes the African leader's participation in the fight against the "French colonial regime," for his contribution to "independence and the development of his nation," as well as for being "an advocate of political stability in Mother Africa."

Diplomatic Mission in Guinea Bissau

Foreign Minister, Félix Plasencia, held a meeting with the President of Guinea Bissau, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, at the UN's headquarters in New York to strengthen cooperation ties. Recently Venezuela opened a diplomatic mission for the first time in this country, with which it maintains relations since 2006.



UNBLOCK

Organizations and social movements demand elimination of Unilateral Coercive Measures

More than 800 human rights organizations, social movements and diverse personalities asked in a join request to lift Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed against Venezuela.

The document was released in the 48th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and it emphasizes that Unilateral Coercive Measures applied since 2014 violate international law, impede social development of the Venezuelan people and attempt against the self-determination of the nation.

The imposition of Unilateral Coercive Measures "has meant a de facto blockade against Venezuela that infringes obligations undertaken by the countries that impose them with regard to human rights, and which has the objective of attacking the Venezuelan economy to increase pressure on the country," which lost almost 99% of its income.

Representatives of various organizations also expressed their concern with this scenario in their interventions at the Human Rights Council. The director of Fundalatin, María Eugenia Russián, indicated that it is vital that the States that promote Unilateral Coercive Measures comply the recommendation of High Commissioner, Michelle Bachelet, who called on lifting such measures. "Thousands of persons have lost their lives. We demand justice for the victims of the blockade."

The concern is also shared by the World Peace Council which denounced the impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures on the oil industry, the most important of the country; and the International Association of Democrat Jurists, that highlighted the existence of at least 10 pronouncements from UN rapporteurs which demand an end to the so called sanctions.

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Scientific and Technological Pole expands the route to the integral development of the country

More than 5,000 public and private actors will contribute their knowledge through the Technological Scientific Pole of Venezuela, which will articulate the search for answers to national development and, at the same time, will promote new institutions, aligned in areas such as health, telecommunications and agriculture, among others.

The pole consolidates the path started with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and the Presidential Scientific Council, which contributes to the recovery of the economy from the effects of Unilateral Coercive Measures.

"It is impossible to think about the development of the Venezuela power without the deployment of all the capacities of education, knowledge and science in all its branches of application," the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, said at the launch ceremony of the pole, in Caracas, where

technologists and researchers presented advances in the design of medical supplies, such as a quantitative serological diagnosis kit for Covid-19, parts for telecommunications networks, electronic equipment, seed production and formulas for feeding animals.

This production, which is expanded with the pole, also includes spaces such as the Geomatics Room of the Bolivarian Agency for Space Activities, which will process images from the Francisco de Miranda and Antonio José de Sucre satellites in real time, to anticipate weather phenomena and strengthen agri-food production.

These projects, highlighted President Maduro, reflect the social awareness of Venezuelan scientists, who put the human being at the center "with applied technology to build a humanely rewarding society."

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

Russian tourists enjoy Margarita Island

The island of Margarita has received more than 700 tourists from Russia, who arrived in the country thanks to direct flights between Porlamar and Moscow that are carried out by the Venezuelan state company Conviasa, which also

offers a route between the Russian capital and Caracas. The goal is to receive two weekly flights to the island, in eastern Venezuela, to reach 70 by next December.

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HEROIC ROOTS



Jacinto Pérez Arcay, loyal Bolivarian soldier

Listing all the virtues of General-in-Chief Jacinto Pérez Arcay is arduous. Military man, academic, philosopher, writer and teacher in mathematics, geopolitics, history, geography, literature and military morals; staunch defender and promoter of the legacy of the Liberator Simón Bolívar are just some of the skills of this illustrious soldier.

Born in La Vela de Coro, in the central west of Venezuela, in 1935, Pérez Arcay was one of the most outstanding graduates of the group of 1956 at the Military Academy of Venezuela, where he later served for many years as a trainer, among many of the missions fulfilled until the day of his death on this past September 20th.

"I consider the Military Academy of Venezuela to be the cradle of the Bolivarian Revolution. It could also be of the Bolivarian Resurrection," Pérez Arcay once said about the so-called House of the Blue Dreams, which had its beginning in the Liberation Army. There he trained in Bolivarian thought Commander Hugo Chávez, one of his most prominent students, in whom he recognized the insatiable desire for knowledge.

"You were invaded by the anguish of knowledge," he once told Chávez, who admitted that his teacher, who counselled him when he was already President, was right.

At his farewell in a lying in state at the Military Academy, the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, defined Pérez Arcay as one of the main promoters of Bolivarianism in the country.

"He was in all the spaces of our beloved Army, accompanying the just causes with the doctrine of Father Liberator," said the President, who bestowed upon him as post-mortem tribute the replica of the sword of General Ezequiel Zamora, leader of the Federal Revolution

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

Unearte fosters the creative capacity of the people

Since 1999, 56 new public universities have been inaugurated in Venezuela, concentrating the training possibilities in the medical, scientific and technological areas. In 2008, Commander Hugo Chávez turned this scheme around with a new and comprehensive house of studies specialized in training artistic creators in dance, music, theater, film and plastic arts: The National University of the Arts (Unearte).

"An educated, enlightened people is the greatest guarantee of a nation, of a revolution, it is the greatest guarantee of the future," said Chávez on September 20th, 2009, during the inauguration of the main headquarters of this university, in a space in Caracas, where before an institution that privileged elite culture used to operate on loan.

Today, Unearte has seven Artistic Creation Centers and eight Learning Centers, where renowned artists and cultural promoters share their knowledge with 5,000 students.

Likewise, the knowledge of creators is certified, the work of long-standing artists with the title of honorary masters is recognized, and training programs in history and education focused on the arts are given, as well as specializations, masters and doctorates.

"Venezuela is a homeland blessed by the talent and creativity of its inhabitants and we could say that at Unearte we are fortunate to have a great density of these gifts," the current rector, Tibisay Lucena, recently expressed.

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

False US anti-drug discourse against Venezuela

Bodies such as the United Nations (UN) ratify Colombia as the first producer of cocaine in the world, and studies position the United States as the main consumer of this drug. That is a reality that seeks to be silenced by Washington, where imperial factors politicize the fight against drugs by including Venezuela in the list of main transit countries for illicit drugs.

In that list, Venezuela is singled out without basis for allegedly failing to comply with "its obligations" against trafficking in illicit substances, under criteria that violate principles of international law, including good faith and non-intervention in internal affairs, to encourage extra-territorial control.

Through a statement from the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, the Venezuelan State refutes the false version of the White House, calls for ethical treatment in the fight against drugs and reminds the United States that Venezuela complies with the provisions of international conventions against narcotics, so the UN recognizes it as a territory free of illicit crops, and not so to the main partner of the United States in the region: Colombia.

"It is questionable that the country that disputes the world financial hegemony, whose banking system executes a false policy of controlling the laundering of assets from the production and trafficking of drugs, tries to give lessons to the international community in ignorance of the sovereignty and jurisdiction of States," reads the statement.