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TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Dialogue Table activates consultations with political and social actors

The creation of consultation mechanisms to be included in the negotiation process and the rejection of xenophobic campaigns against Venezuelans, are part of the agreements reached in the third round of dialogue held between September 25th and 27th between representatives of the Bolivarian Government and the extremist opposition, grouped in the so-called Unitary Platform, in Mexico City.

In a joint communiqué, read by the spokesman of the Norwegian facilitating team, Dag Nylander, the parties agreed to immediately carry out "several sessions of consultations with various political and social actors - national and international - so that an efficient mechanism for consultation and participation can be set up as soon as possible in an inclusive way."

The participants "held joint meetings where they came closer to positions in the search for solutions to the

challenges in social, economic and political matters."

They also agreed to include a gender focus in the development of dialogue and negotiation, as well as in future agreements.

In addition, it was agreed to reject violence against Venezuelan nationals by extremist groups in Chile, as well as any hate campaign "against Venezuelans in different countries."

What was agreed in this third round is based on paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed last August 13th, which establishes the guidelines for the negotiations, among which are political rights, guarantees and a timetable for elections, as well as the lifting of the so-called sanctions.

The agenda also includes respect for the Constitutional Rule of Law, political and social coexistence, protection of the economy and guarantees for the verification of

Dialogue for prosperity

In Caracas, President Nicolás Maduro congratulated the parties for the agreements reached, and reiterated that the Government is focused on the recovery of assets seized by imperialism, such as the state-owned companies Monómeros, which operates in Colombia; and Citgo, located in the U.S.

"Venezuela wants dialogue, and Venezuelans can overcome our differences and recover our economy, only through dialogue."

Likewise, the President instructed the head of the Government delegation, Jorge Rodríguez, to demand non-interference of any government in the meetings.

what has been agreed.

In the second meeting, held between September 3rd and 6th, two partial agreements were signed: the historical right of Venezuela over Guayana Esequiba and the return of our assets seized abroad.

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Illegal detention

The Venezuelan government delegation once again requested the release of Ambassador Alex Saab, a diplomat illegally arrested in Cape Verde by U.S. orders since June 12th, 2020, who was incorporated to the roundtable dialogue in Mexico.

On his part, Saab sent a letter to his fellow delegates in which he denounces the torture, violations of fundamental rights and blackmail of which he has been a victim.

The "accusations against me are so ridiculous and politically motivated that they have not been able to find a single piece of evidence against me," warned the diplomat.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Government and people of Venezuela: "That is the Homeland I love. The Homeland that defends just causes. The Homeland that seeks every day the welfare of the people. The Homeland that is going through an immoral and cruel blockade, but continues to be brave. The Homeland that does not surrender."

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DIPLOMACY

Group of Friends will expand efforts in defense of UN Charter

Promote and defend the validity of the United Nations Charter, which maintains “a renewed and even more important value and relevance,” as well as convening more countries to participate in this task, is one of the commitments undertaken by the Group of Friends of this instrument of universal value, which includes 18 countries.

In a political statement issued after the first ministerial meeting of the group, in the context of the 76th UN General Assembly in New York, they reaffirmed that the purposes and principles of the Charter preserve its timeless and universal character in pursuit of a more peaceful world. Therefore, it constitutes “a true act of faith in the best of humanity.”

The ministers renewed their commitment to a revitalized multilateralism, which has a fundamental place in the UN, and expressed their support for countries and peoples subjected to practices

that violate the UN Charter and International Law. At the same time, they reaffirmed the call for full respect for self-determination, territorial integrity and independence.

The group plans to expand its work to the UN offices in Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna, as well as the headquarters of other specialized agencies of the organization, and invites the international community to consider joining this initiative, promoted by Venezuela with the participation of Angola, Algeria, Belarus, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Syria, Iran, Laos, Nicaragua, Palestine, Russia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

“We are grateful for the support and international solidarity that ratifies our firm commitment to multilateralism,” said Venezuelan Minister for Foreign Relations, Félix Plasencia.

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American people in solidarity with Venezuela

The Minister for Foreign Relations, Félix Plasencia, met in New York with promoters of the Sanctions Kill campaign, who gave him a report on the harmful effects of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) in 39 countries. In addition, he participated in a round table on Venezuela organized by The People’s Forum movement, which brings together U.S. social organizations.

He also held meetings with the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, to whom he ratified the interest of

Venezuela to continue cooperation; the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Natalia Kanem, and the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Alicia Bárcena.

In addition, he spoke with the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, Philip Davis, and the Foreign Ministers of China, Cuba, Russia, Angola, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Cameroon, Qatar, Gambia, India, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Portugal, Serbia and Syria.

CAPSULES OF IDEAS

“The people and only the people are the driving force that makes world history.”

Mao Tse-Tung, Regarding the coalition government, April 24, 1945.

NEWS BRIEF



Against xenophobia

Venezuela expressed its firm rejection to the aggressions perpetrated against fellow citizens on September 25 in Iquique, Chile, and announced the initiation of the Back to the Homeland Plan for the return of these citizens. “To my brothers I hold out my hands to you and I tell you: Come back to the homeland! We will wait for you with love, we will protect and support you,” stated the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, and warned that these xenophobic expressions are pushed by the anti-Bolivarian right.

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Electoral mission of the EU

The European Union (EU) reported that it will send an electoral mission to the November 21 elections in Venezuela, following the invitation of the National Electoral Council and after an exploratory mission visited the country in July. The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell, appointed Isabel Santos as the Head of the Observation Mission, which will arrive in Caracas at the end of October.

In favor of nuclear disarmament

At a high level meeting at the UN, Venezuela reiterated its compromise with the legal order for the complete elimination of nuclear arms. To eradicate them “is the only guarantee against its possible use,” manifested Foreign Relations Minister, Félix Plasencia, recalling the historical rejection of the country to the production, storage, and threat of use of these type of armament.

Illegal air raid

The illegal air raid of a remote manned aircraft by the Colombian Air Force on September 20, proofs the intentions of the US and Colombia to attempt against Venezuela’s stability, “and particularly to attack the dialogue process which is ongoing in Mexico,” the Ministry of Defense of Venezuela warned in a communique.

A UNBLOCK



Condemnation of the impact of the UCM on the right to food

At the United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit, Venezuela again condemned the negative impact on food security caused by the Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) imposed by the United States and the European Union.

“Under no circumstances should Peoples be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development,” said the Minister of Food, Carlos Leal Tellería, who expressed gratitude for the support of fraternal countries and the United Nations System itself to face the effects of these actions contrary to International Law and the UN Charter.

In international forums, Venezuela has denounced the fall in more than 83.7% of food imports, the decrease in the availability of proteins and the imposition of “sanctions” on the program of the Local Supply and Production Committees, which supplies seven million families monthly.

In addition, access to raw materials, finished products and inputs for agricultural activity is prevented and national and international suppliers who agree to negotiate with our country have been sanctioned.

Transform the food system

Despite the siege, the Venezuelan Government and People are working to transform the food system, respecting the principles of the political, economic, social and productive model provided for in the Constitution of the Republic and in the Plan de la Patria, a comprehensive management project of the Bolivarian Government, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN.

To this end, the participation of the sectors linked to productive activity is promoted from a viable and sustainable scheme, through permanent dialogue with the People, “whose premise has been the defense of food as a fundamental human right,” said Minister Leal Tellería at the Food Systems Summit.

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REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



Special Fund to boost production ventures

The Venezuelan government will create a Special Financing and Support Fund for entrepreneurs of productive projects as part of the measures designed to stimulate activities for this sector, which has contributed to a new economic dynamic in the face of the effects of Unilateral Coercive Measures on national production.

“We must facilitate financing to reach small enterprises,” expressed the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, who emphasized that the fund was initiated from the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to stimulate the development of micro companies which represent 88% of the businesses of the region.

At an encounter with entrepreneurs in Caracas, the Head of State called for the impulse of the Entrepreneur Law -which will be consulted publicly-

and announced training activities, the total exemption of taxes for this sector and the creation of a centralized registry which will contribute to facilitate administrative operations such as sanitary permits or tax registrations.

Likewise through the digital Patria Platform, where more than 20 million Venezuelans are registered, a survey will be carried out to obtain information that facilitates the design of public policies aimed for entrepreneurs in order to guarantee the viability and consolidation of their projects.

The support to this sector along with family production units and popular production initiatives will boost a new economic scheme which reflects the efforts to stimulate a real economy, one that produces “to satisfy the needs of the people and take social happiness to all,” the President said.

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

A land with multiple destinations to enjoy tourism

Beaches, mountains, jungles, tepuis, plains and savannas: Venezuela has many attractions for tourism, an activity whose World Day is celebrated every September 27th. The Government and tour operators promote

a safe and sustainable model that points to the post-pandemic world, stimulating investments, international alliances and the promotion of natural attractions.

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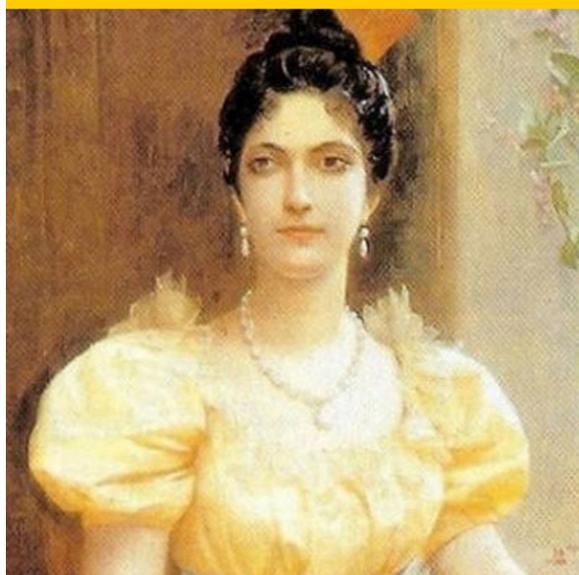
Errata:

In issue No. 27 of Venezuela Reports, we erroneously indicated that the airline Conviasa operates the

Moscow-Portlamar flights, when that route is run by the Russian company Pegas Touristik. Conviasa operates the Moscow-Caracas route.



HEROIC ROOTS



Luisa Cáceres de Arismendi, an example of patriot dignity

The role of patriotic women in the struggle for independence was defining, thanks to the courage of Venezuelans like Luisa Cáceres de Arismendi. Born on September 25, 1799 in Caracas, she knew from a very young age the perversity of the Royalists, who murdered several of her relatives, including her father.

Product of the migration to the east, after the Royalist invasion of Caracas, in July 1814, Luisa reached up to the island of Margarita and was received by the patriotic Chief Juan Bautista Arismendi, who she later married.

The young woman, who was 15 years old, remained a target of the Royalists' siege. While pregnant, she was made prisoner in the fortress of Santa Rosa, with the intention of exchanging her for soldiers under the command of Juan Bautista Arismendi, who had to entrench himself in the mountains of the island, after the arrival of the Royalist Pablo Morillo.

Luisa, despite the suffering and pain of seeing her daughter still-born, clung to the libertarian cause. Faced with pressure to dissuade her husband, she is credited with this response: "You will never get me to advise him to miss his duties."

In 1816, she was taken detained to Spain where she refused to declare loyalty to the crown and to renounce the independence ideals. She escaped to the United States, to later reach Venezuela. On July 26, 1818, she arrived at Margarita, where she continued to support the patriotic cause. She passed away in 1866.

On August 26, 1876, she became the first woman to enter the National Panteon, where prominent figures in our history are exalted. Her example lives on among Venezuelan women, who remember her as the never-defeated heroine.

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

Social missions aim to rebuild the welfare state

The best barrier to stop the damage of the blockade against the Venezuelan people is the popular organization together with the coordinated work of the System of Missions and Great Missions - a set of social programs dedicated to direct attention to the population - which will have a plan of expansion to strengthen social protection against factors that promote inequality.

Faced with this scenario, the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, called for combining the experience of the Carnet de la Patria, a tool that collects socioeconomic information from 21 million Venezuelans, and the deployment of the Local Supply and Production Committees (Clap, Spanish initials), that reach 7 million families monthly. "We must leave the resistance and advance in the counteroffensive and the expansion of all the Missions and Great Missions."

For that purpose, the president summoned the organized popular power to support the reha-

bilitation and maintenance of the offices of the Mission Barrio Adentro, a medical care program that has played a key role in the care of patients with covid-19, and to unify the policies directed to young people for the birth of the Great Youth Mission, the initial idea of the social leader Aristóbulo Istúriz, who died last April and who served as Vice President of the Social Area.

The objective of the expansion plan, stressed the President, is to be at the forefront in the pursuit of the well-being of the Venezuelan people: "Our people deserve more and we, learning from mistakes and rectifying policies, we have to give the people much more."

The Missions and Great Missions System, born in August 2013 in order to eradicate poverty and strengthen social care, groups together all the programs in health, education, housing, culture and sports, among others, created by the Bolivarian Government.

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

Venezuela condemns misrepresentations by the government of Guyana at the UN

Fake news become more dangerous when it are issued by a government and more so in international instances, as the President of Guyana, Mohamed Irfaan Ali, did during the 76th General Assembly of the United Nations (UN). The president referred to alleged "open threats" against the "territorial integrity" of Guyana by Venezuela, in reference to the legitimate and historical claim of our country on Guayana Esequiba, which dates back to the 19th century.

Faced with these misrepresentations, the Bolivarian Government warns that since 2015 Guyana's line of argument "is directly proportional to the seduction and interference of Exxon Mobil," a corporation that pushed Georgetown to put aside compliance with the 1966 Geneva Agreement to

settle the territorial dispute bilaterally.

Faced with this scenario, Caracas has insisted several times in communications addressed to Guyana and to the UN Secretary General, António Guterres, "on continuing the negotiations as broadly as possible."

Venezuela urges the government of Guyana to abandon the unilateral path of the International Court of Justice and to stop attacking "the firm Agreement for the ratification and defense of Venezuela's sovereignty over Guayana Esequiba, signed on September 5th, 2021 in the city of Mexico, between the Venezuelan Government and the Venezuelan Unitary Platform of opposition," which reaffirms the willingness to seek a peaceful, definitive and mutually accepted resolution.