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TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Venezuela calls on NAM for unity in the face of neocolonialism

Venezuela reaffirms its support for multilateralism as the only way to contain neocolonial policies of centers of power, from where Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) are imposed, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations (UN).

At the General Debate of the Commemorative Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), in Belgrade, Serbia, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Félix Plasencia, said that 60 years after the founding of the group, the world has made significant progress against colonialism. However, today it faces new challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which in several nations is fought under a blockade expressed in illegal "sanctions," impacting a third of humanity, including Venezuela.

"We make a call to fight together this cruel and

inhuman policy in all multilateral bodies" to stand up to governments, such as the US, that take advantage of the pandemic and human suffering, to "advance political agendas as it is happening against Venezuela."

The Foreign Minister urged to "redouble our efforts to defend and make effective the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, as well as the rules of International Law." It is the "best shield that we, the countries of the South, have to defend ourselves against the persistent and systematic aggressions of the great powers."

"It is time to vindicates our role and influence in multilateral forums, particularly in the United Nations, as the important actor that we are, for which we must further strengthen unity and solidarity among our members."

Strengthen relations

Within the framework of the NAM, Minister Plasencia held meetings with representatives of Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Eritrea, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as a meeting with Miroslav Jenca, Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and Americas at the UN Department of Political Affairs.

The NAM was established in 1961 as an alternative forum of countries that took respect and solidarity among peoples as their guide; six years earlier, a previous meeting had been held in Bandung, Indonesia, with 29 nations. It currently groups 120 countries, making it the largest international forum after the UN.

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Universal principles for a fairer world

The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations held its second meeting in Belgrade, Serbia, where it reaffirmed its concern about threats to multilateralism and growing

unilateralism, contrary to international law. In the final declaration, they reaffirmed that the statutes of the UN Charter are timeless, universal and indispensable in order to preserve international

peace and security, to achieve a more peaceful, prosperous and equitable world.

At the meeting, the entry of Zimbabwe to the group was made official, so that the platform now has 19 countries.

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DIPLOMACY

Venezuelan government advocates for genuine international cooperation

Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, urged before the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to help developed countries abandon the neocolonial vision and move towards multilateralism, genuine cooperation and equitable development.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated “the profound injustice and inequality of the current world order,” expressed the Vice President, who also called for a review of the impact of foreign debt on many countries in the South.

In addition, she rejected the unfair distribution of the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to attend to the

effects of the pandemic. Venezuela, in particular, will not receive 5 billion dollars it is entitled to, due to the veto of the United States, the main promoter of the Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) against the country.

In this regard, the Vice President urged UNCTAD to quantify the effects of the UCMs which go “against the international system for guaranteeing human rights.” Furthermore, she stressed that despite the siege and the so-called sanctions; Venezuela is working to recover its economic balance and reiterates its willingness to work for a humanity with equality and social justice.

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Venezuela and Turkey deepen cooperation

The Foreign Ministers of Venezuela, Félix Plasencia, and Turkey, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, reaffirmed in Ankara the commitment of both countries to deepen their bilateral ties.

This relation stems “from the respect between the peoples and the commitment of our Heads of State and Government,” expressed Foreign Minister Plasencia, who thanked the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for its support in the fight against COVID-19.

Meanwhile, the Turkish Foreign Minister expressed that the connection between Venezuela and Turkey “has always been very strong” and that the “collaboration has come a long way,” and invited Venezuelan President, Nicolás Maduro, and Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, to visit the Eurasian nation.

During the work visit of Minister Plasencia three agreements were signed: one with the Turkish Agency of Cooperation and Coordination (TIKA); another between the Simón Bolívar Institute for Peace and Solidarity among the Peoples of



Venezuela and the Strategic Research Center of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, and a third in the field of protocol, in addition to the 44 agreements already signed between both nations.

In Ankara, the head of Venezuelan diplomacy also met with the Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry, Bekir Pakdemirli, and Trade, Mehmet Mus. In addition, he gave a lecture at the Institute of Strategic Thinking.

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CAPSULES OF IDEAS

**“¡Ana karina rote, aunicoñ paparoto mantoro itoto manto!
(¡We are people, there are no cowards here and no one surrenders and this land is ours!)”**

War-cry of the Caribe Indians, Our American native people

NEWS BRIEF



Housing agreements

During the International Construction Fair, Medibat 2021, held in Tunisia, the Minister of Habitat and Housing, Ildemaro Villarroel, and his Tunisian counterpart, Kamel Doukh, agreed to initiate a cooperation link in this matter between both countries. The Venezuelan minister also met with representatives of Mali, Libya, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon and Gabon, interested in the experience of the Great Venezuela Housing Mission.

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More anticovid vaccines

2.6 million anticovid vaccines arrived in Venezuela this week through the Covax mechanism as well as another 975,000 doses of Russian Sputnik-V, to continue with the massive vaccination plan, which this October 8th fulfilled 50% of the figure established to achieve herd immunity. By the end of the month, the goal of immunizing 70% of the population is expected.

Venezuela demands apologies from the European Union

The president of the National Electoral Council, Pedro Calzadilla, demanded a public apology from the European Union for the statements of its High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, against the autonomy and independence of the Venezuelan electoral system. “We cannot remain silent in the face of such a serious statement,” he said.

In defense of Venezuelans in Colombia

Venezuela will activate all international mechanisms to protect fellow citizens residing in Colombia, where two Venezuelan children were murdered. The Executive Vice President, Delcy Rodríguez, reported that the Venezuelan State will bring the Colombian President, Iván Duque, before the International Criminal Court for the crime of persecution and extermination, by stimulating hatred and stigmatization that have become “a systematic and massive policy against our compatriots.”



UNBLOCK



Anti-Blockade Law, a shield against the harmful effects of the UCM

Faced with the fierce persecution promoted by the United States against Venezuela through the imposition of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM), which led to a representation of social and economic deterioration with the fall in 99% of the nation's income, a way was proposed to keep off this aggression, with a key tool: The Anti-Blockade Law for National Development and the Guarantee of Human Rights.

The legal instrument provides the State with "the institutional and legal capacities to face the most perverse aggression that our country has suffered," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, on September 29, 2020, when he presented the proposal to the National Constituent Assembly, which approved it on October 8 of that year.

The law establishes a special and temporary regulatory framework that facilitates the Venezuelan Public Power to counteract, mitigate and reduce the effects of the UCM to guarantee the full enjoyment of the human rights of the people, the harmonious development of the national economy, the right to freedom determination and full sovereignty over the wealth and natural resources of the nation.

For this, Venezuela is developing a set of measures aimed at economic and social recovery. A system of legal assistance and protection was created before the UCM, to attend to the victims of those actions contrary to International Law; an International Centre for Productive Investment, which evaluates and promotes productive projects to stimulate investment and foreign trade, and an observatory that documents and studies the effects of those punitive actions against Venezuelans.

The bases created with this legal instrument, have allowed the country to advance in the last year in the stimulation of national production, the protection of families, the protection of the working class and the defence of assets abroad, with actions attached to the Constitution of the Republic and International Law. President Maduro has reiterated it: it has been a response "to recover the Welfare State of the people."

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REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



Young people receive support to develop productive potential

The productive forces of Venezuela are working on the construction of a new economic model that responds to internal needs and develops the country's export potential. In this task, the participation of young people is essential, who receive support for their development in the economic field with the Great Youth Chamba Mission.

Chamba (popular expression that means job) is a social policy, founded in 2017 and that today serves 1.8 million Venezuelans between the ages of 18 and 35, through strategies that facilitate their insertion into the world of work and the development of experiences for production.

Its objective is to contribute to the development of entrepreneurial youth, through a comprehensive advisory scheme, with tools such as a hotline, and financing mechanisms to diversify economic-productive initiatives.

"We have to be in contact with the youth to advise

them, we are going to support them more, so that they can carry out their ventures and to our country," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, in a working session.

He added that the design of laws to boost and promote the work of young entrepreneurs is added to this stimulus scheme, such as the Law of the Great Youth Chamba Mission, which protects the right of new generations to productive employment. And other legislative initiatives, such as the New Entrepreneurship Law project, to facilitate access to financial resources.

With all these tools, an expand to the scope of the Great Youth Chamba Mission is expected, which has already served 396,339 young entrepreneurs and 394,338 young producers, involved in initiatives for the production of agricultural inputs, cleaning products, medical products and sportswear, among other areas.

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VENEZUELA IN IMAGES



Our map, our identity

The map of Venezuela synthesizes the benefits of our country, which has an extensive coastal strip and beautiful islands to the north, overlooking the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean; Amazon rainforests, savannas, tepuis (one of the oldest formations on the planet) and the imposing Orinoco River to the south; plains,

desert areas and the Andean area with snow-capped mountains to the west. While to the east is our Guayana Esequiba, a territory on which Venezuela defends, since independence in the 19th century, its historical rights, faithful to the heritage of our liberators.

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HEROIC ROOTS



The historical truth vindicates the struggles of the indigenous peoples

This October 12, the Venezuelan people commemorated the Day of Indigenous Resistance as it has done for the last 19 years, in honor of the heroism of our native peoples, victims of one of the most brutal genocides known to humanity: the conquest of America by the Spanish Empire.

The invasion that began in 1492 brought blood, destruction and the worst humiliations to our ancestral peoples, who resisted under the guidance of indigenous leaders, such as Guaicaipuro, Ana Soto, Guaicamacuto, Chacao, among others. They paved the way for the independence feat that the Liberator Simón Bolívar carried out more than 300 years later.

"529 years have passed since the cry for rebellion of our native peoples, who resisted and fought to defend these lands from the Spanish invasion. Today the Bolivarian Revolution vindicates their struggles," President Nicolás Maduro stated, and announced the creation of the Truth Commission of Spanish Colonialism in Venezuela, which will provide elements to assess the impact suffered by native peoples. Along the same lines, he will propose to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (Celac) to establish a Truth Commission to clarify the consequences of European colonialism in American territory and will send a letter to Felipe VI of Spain, with reflections on the offensive character that it engenders for the native communities the celebration of the Hispanic Day.

"We must revive the deep awareness of anti-colonialism," said the President, who also called on the United Indigenous Movement of Venezuela to take international action against the neo-fascist campaign that seeks to justify the massacre of indigenous peoples.

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BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE

Electoral drill demonstrates democratic will of the people

The Venezuelan people are characterized by their democratic and peaceful vocation, by using dialogue and votes to overcome political differences. This was demonstrated last Sunday, October 10, by participating en masse in the national voting drill for regional and municipal elections to be held on November 21.

A total of 446 voting centers, with 1,386 voting stations, were authorized by the National Electoral Council (CNE in Spanish) so that voters could familiarize themselves with the process to vote in the next elections, where 21,159,846 people will be able to vote for more than 3,000 posts, amongst governors, mayors and members of the state legislative councils and municipal councils.

"Participation in this process has exceeded the expectations that we had raised (...) good things are

coming next November 21," the president of the Electoral Power, Pedro Calzadilla, declared from the Andrés Bello high school in Caracas, one of the authorized centers.

The rector of the CNE highlighted the elevated participation of members of all political forces: "We have witnessed it and this is testimony to a vibrant, lively and profound democracy that exists in Venezuela."

For his part, President Nicolás Maduro congratulated Venezuelans for attending the call to participate, and welcomed the actions of the CNE and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces in the Republic Plan. "In Venezuela, democracy and Peace continue to win. Long live the sovereign will of the People!" the President affirmed.

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UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

Colombian and U.S. governments attempt to justify armed aggression with lies

The US government is an expert using lies to prepare the setting for an eventual military aggression. Venezuela is no exception to this strategy, a regular target for big media, many of them from Colombia serving imperialism. Recently, the magazine "Semana" controlled by the Bogota oligarchy published a fake news article presenting Venezuela and President Nicolás Maduro as a "danger" for the region, after an alleged purchase of arms to Iran and Russia by Caracas.

The belligerent narrative is part of a complex and aggressive plan orchestrated by the US, executed by its main ally in the region: Colombia. The objective is to attack the Bolivarian government even with a possible military incursion.

In a letter to Martin Kimani, the President of the Security Council, Venezuela's Ambassador to the UN, Samuel Moncada, explained with evidence how the governments of Iván Duque and the US foster a war machine in Latin America. Duque promotes the "mercenary industry that kills Heads of State" with the White House's support, like the case of Haiti's President Jovenel Moïse, "he protects drug cartels (...) and sponsors paramilitary groups that kill innocent civilian populations."

Duque's objective –Ambassador Moncada warns– is to absolve his responsibility in the failed peace process of Colombia, to prevent electoral participation of the Colombian opposition and to oust the Venezuelan government