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The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela rejects the baffling ruling of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, which, by resorting to legal trickery, prevents the Venezuelan State from its legitimate right to recover, through the Central Bank of Venezuela, part of its international reserves deposited in the Bank of England.

This decision breaks the norms of Public International Law, of the Venezuelan constitutional order, and the English legislation, as it represents serious risks for the investments with which the international community has entrusted the financial system of the United Kingdom, which resorts to frauds and tricks to illegally seize the resources with which it was entrusted.

The British Supreme Court of Justice has subordinated itself to the mandate of the English Executive, revealing a lack of separation of powers, impartiality and, especially, of the independent actions of this justice body.

For its part, the British Government resorts to a fraudulent political scheme in connivance with extremist political sectors of Venezuela led by Juan Guaidó, with the wicked aim to shamelessly steal the gold of Venezuelans and illegally seize the international reserves of the Venezuelan State, and within the unlawful scheme led by Washington to rob the resources that belong to the Venezuelan people.



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Under the mandate of the people's sovereignty and through voting, there is only one constitutional government in Venezuela, whose Head of State and Government is President Nicolás Maduro Moros, whose government exercises the absolute territorial control through its legitimate institutions, as it has been recognized by the System of the United Nations and the International Community.

This abusive action, expressed in today's judicial decision, has hindered the execution of resources to meet the contingencies caused by the worst pandemic known to humankind, COVID-19. Our proposal to make these resources available to that end, through the United Nations (UN) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), was deliberately ignored by the Supreme Court of Justice and the Government of the United Kingdom.

In this surprising and irrational judicial decision, the English Supreme Court of Justice subordinates itself to the illegal foreign policy actions deliberately taken by the British Executive, thus openly violating their own domestic and international legislation.

The British government is aware that these reserves are protected internationally by the immunity to which they are entitled, and by the immunity granted by the domestic legislation of the United Kingdom through the Immunity Act.



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In the face of this vulgar plunder, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will continue using all the resources at its disposal to defend the gold that is part of its international reserves and the legitimate rights of the Venezuelan people, both internationally and within its own jurisdiction. Venezuela will continue following its course of peace and prosperity.

**Caracas, December 20, 2021**