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The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela takes note of the pronouncement issued by the International Court of Justice, in relation to the outrageous and interventionist provisional measures requested by the Cooperative Republic of Guyana against the consultative referendum scheduled for December 3, 2023.

Venezuela ratifies that, faithful to its historical position, it does not recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice to settle the territorial controversy over the Guayana Esequiba, especially in view of the existence of the Geneva Agreement of 1966.

In the current case, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana had expressly requested that the consultative referendum not be held or that questions 1, 3 and 5 be modified. In its decision, the Court dismissed - in its entirety - this unprecedented and groundless request, which related to a matter of Venezuela's exclusive domain.

Nothing in international law allowed the Court to interfere in Venezuela's internal affairs, nor to pretend to prohibit or modify a sovereign act organized within the framework of its participatory political system and based on its Constitution.



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Likewise, with this decision it has been demonstrated that Guyana is not a victim, has no title over the territory in dispute, is a de facto occupier and has repeatedly violated the Geneva Agreement and international legality by unilaterally granting concessions in the land territory and in the waters pending delimitation, as well as facilitated its territory for the military deployment in our region of the main warmongering power in the planet.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as it had announced and in accordance with its sacred Constitution, will continue onwards with all the preparations to carry out the consultative referendum called by the Electoral Power at the request of the Venezuelan Parliament. Nothing and no one will prevent the Venezuelan people from expressing themselves freely on December 3 on a matter that belongs to it, is internal, and of enormous transcendence, such as its territorial integrity.

Venezuela reiterates that it will firmly maintain its unwavering defense of international legality and of the Geneva Agreement as the only legal instrument that allows reaching a practical and satisfactory solution for both parties, through friendly, political and peaceful negotiations.

The truth of Venezuela and its inalienable sovereignty, constitutionality and self-determination have been victorious.



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Next December 3, the Venezuelan people will go out to vote, for the first time in history, to defend their territorial integrity and will ratify that our rights over Guayana Esequiba are unrenounceable and unquestionable.

Venezuela's Sun rises on the Essequibo!

Caracas, December 1, 2023