

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically rejects the communiqué issued by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on the pronouncement of the International Court of Justice regarding the unusual request for provisional measures presented by the Government of Guyana against the democratic and sovereign consultative referendum to be held in our country on 03 December 2023.

The CARICOM Secretariat blatantly lies and intentionally ignores the fact that the International Court of Justice unanimously rejected Guyana's reckless attempt to limit the political rights of Venezuelans and prevent the holding of the referendum called by the National Assembly of Venezuela, in accordance with international law and the only valid instrument to address the controversy; that is, the Geneva Agreement of 1966.

It is astonishing that the aforementioned Secretariat juggles to avoid referring to the Court's clear call to the government of Guyana to cease the deliberate actions that aggravate the situation of the controversy, among which we can mention the involvement of the United States Southern Command and the granting of concessions in a yet to be demarcated maritime area, which has generated a situation that threatens the peace and stability of the Caribbean region.