



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically rejects the most recent statements made by the Spokesperson of the Department of State regarding the consultative referendum held last December 3, which constitute an unacceptable interference.

The United States, supported by its nefarious Monroe Doctrine, is the architect, together with British imperialism, of the fraud of 1899 and the recent attempts to strip Venezuela of its historical rights over the Guayana Esequiba. In awareness of this fraud, as well as of the existence of the Geneva Agreement of 1966, which recognizes Venezuela's challenge to the Paris Award, it is immoral and even criminal to ask Venezuela to accept the pretended dispossession of 1899 and its possible ratification by means of a judgment that Venezuela cannot accept because it was not agreed to under the Geneva Agreement.

The United States, therefore, has only demonstrated its contempt for international law and its inability to understand processes in which truly free peoples exercise democratic participation to decide their fundamental issues.

The Venezuelan people as a whole has unequivocally expressed itself and its revolutionary government will defend democratic expression in the face of any blackmail or threat of interference.

Caracas, December 4, 2023