

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces, before the international community, the malicious campaign prepared and financed by Exxon Mobil, seconded by the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, against the constitutional obligation of the Venezuelan State to establish a comprehensive policy in the terrestrial, insular and maritime border areas to preserve, through the Bolivarian National Armed Forces, its territorial integrity, national sovereignty and the defense of the Homeland.

The aforementioned campaign is nothing more than a ruse to escape its responsibility in light of the scandalous declarations of its president, Alistair Routledge, who in addition to replacing Guyana's sovereignty, has dared to issue threatening opinions, celebrating the presence of military powers in an undelimited sea, where they have been granted illegal oil concessions, some of them located in a maritime area that is incontrovertibly Venezuelan.

Venezuela wishes to demonstrate before the the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) that the actions of Exxon Mobil and the Government of Guyana contravene the fundamental principles of International Law and constitute an aggression that seeks to destabilize the region, in violation of the recent agreements reached in Argyle, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and in addition to the constant rhetoric of provocations, accompanied by recurring statements by spokespersons of



the Department of Defense and the US Southern Command, who have permanently settled in Guyana.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will reserve itself diplomatic actions, and all those under the framework of International Law, to enforce its rights, and urges the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to uphold its commitments, especially those contemplated in the Geneva Agreement of 1966, the only valid instrument between the parties to find a solution to the territorial dispute between the two countries.

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