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**Dear colleagues:**

These words are preceded by our gratitude to all those people in the world who raise their voices of indignation against the aggressions and outrages of which the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is a victim; and, at the same time, they value the fair struggle that our People is waging in defense of its dignity, sovereignty, independence and the right to peace.

Today, the Homeland of Bolívar and Chávez faces a situation that for some may seem paradoxical, because when the criminal economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed on the country is accentuated; when it seems that imperialism has no other unilateral coercive measure to impose on us, when the media attack reaches limits never seen before and the political-diplomatic siege is highlighted; Patriotic consciousness grows exponentially in our People, thanks to its strong will to be free and independent, and to respond to each imperial aggression, deepening its unity and reaffirming the commitment to defend the legacy of the historical leader of the Bolivarian Revolution.



Even the enemies of Venezuela recognize that the systematic aggression against the national economy affects the entire People; even the spokesmen of imperialism not only say so, but also boast of applying sanctions that aim to lead the country to collapse, and thus try to end the Bolivarian project and, further, divide the Republic.

They thought that this scenario would be favored with the arrival of the terrible Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, the imperialists rubbed their hands when it began, and before a single case was registered in Venezuela, while in Europe the new coronavirus was unfortunately destroying; already the mass media affirmed that it was a matter of days that it led us to chaos.

In all these years, the imperial onslaught has not stopped. Today, we cannot even place our main export product, which is oil, on the market. Neither acquire machinery for our factories abroad, nor request loans in international banks, like any other nation in the world; at the same time, they prevent us with criminal fury from buying food and medicine for our people. **They want to submit us with hunger!**

There is no doubt that the cynical behavior of the rulers of the United States and the European Union leaves the citizens of their countries perplexed; those who are amazed observe the impudence of its authorities, who while blocking the Venezuelan economy and trying to suffocate the country, shout that it requires "humanitarian aid"; an



approach to which the daughters and sons of Bolívar and Chávez firmly respond: Lift the sanctions and respect our sovereignty!

Even with the intensity of the slander campaign against the Bolivarian Homeland, **the truth is making its way**, since in the world there is a greater understanding of what is happening in Venezuela; and this is a conquest of the multiform and multidimensional struggle that our People wage on a daily basis, in the face of the aggression, also multiform and multidimensional, that North American imperialism and its allies deploy against us.

This aggression by the neoliberal ultra-right is based on ignorance of the most elementary principles of coexistence between countries, embodied in the United Nations Charter; and it intends that its legislation and its judicial structures have the privilege of extra-territoriality, and laugh at International Treaties. Also, it supports the pressure on governments from the political point of view, the intimidation with sanctions against companies and institutions that dare to have some type of commercial relationship with Venezuela, the threat from the military point of view to our nation, and the use of international institutions to slander and spread lies about what is happening in the country, with the clear purpose not only of overthrowing the Bolivarian Government of comrade President Nicolás Maduro, but also of destroying the Republic, dismembering it, atomizing it, as they have done in other latitudes.



The main spokespersons for the government of the United States, and of the European Union, have been in charge of announcing "with great fanfare" their plan of economic, political and military intervention; supported by the recognition of an individual who was a deputy, proclaimed himself "interim president" and has among his "feats" the repeated request to the government of Washington to apply sanctions against Venezuelans and to have expressly requested the military occupation of the country by foreign troops, with the application of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR, by the Spanish acronym), an imperial mechanism of which our Republic is not part.

Dear colleagues of the world, Bolivarian women and men, we stand firm, resisting and winning; managing to dismantle each of the attempts launched to try to end the project of broad transformations undertaken in 1999 by Commander Hugo Chávez, historical leader of the Bolivarian Revolution.

We Venezuelans are willing to defeat the plans that are designed and implemented from the United States with the complicity of lackey countries, regardless of who is the guest of the White House; just as we did with the various attempts launched by the now ex-president Donald Trump. **All these plans are doomed to fail!**

It is necessary to remember, just to cite some examples of the criminal imperial onslaught of which we are the object, and of the



dignified response given by the heirs of our libertarian deeds; that before the sole announcement of the North American government to recognize and support the “interim government” of the one who held the presidency of the National Assembly, a fact that, as stated before, was seconded by some governments in Europe and Latin America; the strong will of the People to defend the legacy of Commander Hugo Chávez was revealed, and the most humble people, the working people, the people of the popular neighborhoods, took to the streets, under the slogan: **Always loyal, never traitors!!**

Likewise, let us remember how in a few hours the attempted military invasion disguised as "humanitarian aid" was defeated on the border between Colombia and Venezuela; thanks to the joint action of our People and its Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB). Very soon the connection of the supposed "interim president" with drug trafficking gangs was known, and the presence in the border city of Cúcuta, of the presidents of Chile, Sebastián Piñera; from Paraguay, Mario Abdó Benítez; and from Colombia, Iván Duque; as well as the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luís Almagro, was the political facade of a military action in which the United States Army would participate.

This unfortunate event took place on February 23, 2019; appearing a few weeks later, on April 30 of that same year, a new coup attempt, which also ended in a resounding failure.



Also, it is necessary to remember that in March of last year, the Trump Administration adopted the infamous decision to put a price on the head of President Maduro; while from Colombian territory the frustrated incursion of a group of mercenaries led by former United States marines was being prepared, who in a few hours were neutralized and captured by our Bolivarian National Armed Forces and by the organized People, in May of that same year.

Although the conspiracies, mercenary incursions and other terrorist actions have not stopped, the current political picture is different; on September 16, 2019, the National Dialogue between the patriotic and revolutionary forces and the constitutionalist opposition began; conversations through which transcendent agreements were reached, in relation to the rejection of military intervention and the economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed on the country; as well as the ratification of the peaceful and democratic path as the only way to resolve our differences, and the commitment to the defense of our Essequibo Territory.

These agreements led us to the parliamentary elections of December 6, 2020, when, according to the provisions of the Bolivarian Constitution, a new National Assembly was elected, converted into the main political center of the nation and made up of both representatives of Chavismo and the constitutional opposition; who have been given the task of re-institutionalizing the National Parliament.



As soon as the new National Assembly was installed, three Special Commissions were formed: the Peace, Dialogue and National Reconciliation Commission; the Defense of the Essequibo Territory; and the one that investigates the illegal action of the Boards of Directors of the previous parliamentary period, when the Legislative Power was used as the center of operations for the development of a plan that sought to destroy the Republic.

It is up to this last Commission to unravel the entire corruption plot of the "interim president" and his accomplices, who illegally seized the nation's assets, which even today conspire to prevent the country's resources abroad from being used by the National Executive to deal with the pandemic, and destroyed some of the most important companies in the country, such as the subsidiary of *Petróleos de Venezuela* (PDVSA) "Citgo", located in the United States; and the *Pequiven* subsidiary "Monómeros", based in Colombia.

Dear colleagues, it is also appropriate to inform you that in a few weeks the appointment of the new authorities of the National Electoral Council (CNE) by the National Assembly is scheduled; a process that is ongoing, as well as the sessions of interpellations of the Vice Presidents and Ministers of the Bolivarian Government, at the request of comrade President Nicolás Maduro himself.

In the heat of the advances achieved in political matters, it constitutes an extraordinary event, which will surely be the object of



analysis by historians and social scientists of the planet; that Venezuela, in the midst of the criminal blockade and the aggression to which we have mentioned before, has managed to contain the Covid-19 pandemic, being one of the countries that has obtained the greatest success in confronting this tragedy that affects the entire humanity.

This can be explained by the timely action of comrade President Nicolás Maduro, who has taken the lead in the actions undertaken by the Bolivarian Government to face the new coronavirus: the application of the 7 + 7 system and free care for the entire population, based on the existence of a solid Public Health System throughout the national territory; as well as the hard work of our health personnel and scientists from all areas, dedicated to finding alternatives to combat the pandemic. Including the international solidarity that has made possible to start the vaccination of the entire People progressively, for a month.

Today the constitution of Communal Cities and the election of Communal Parliaments, novel forms of participation of citizens, are being debated in the country; and at the end of the year the election of the governors and the mayors will be held; The technical possibility of choosing, at the same time, the regional legislators and the councilors, is also being studied.

Following the course set by the historical leader of the Bolivarian Revolution, Commander Hugo Chávez, Venezuela in 2021 is advancing by leaps and bounds towards an increasingly robust





democracy, in which our People assume greater tasks of government, and in which each scale of the Public Power strengthen the participation and the popular protagonism.

Undoubtedly, we are facing a new reality, and the political stability achieved must be the lever for the economic stability that we Venezuelans eagerly seek; objective for whose achievement the floodgates of dialogue with all political and social sectors have been opened, in an attempt to reach a great National Agreement that places us on the path of full recovery, growth and economic and social prosperity, and that allows the formation of a broad internal and international front against the blockade, which is the main problem facing our economy.

Dear comrades of the world, we thank you once again on behalf of the heroic Venezuelan people for listening to us, and supporting the right we have to live in peace and make our own decisions, like every independent nation. At the same time, we ask for your collaboration to continue spreading the Truth of Venezuela: a brave nation that is not willing to surrender to imperialist aggressions and that, on the contrary, is determined to be fully free and sovereign, and to relive the libertarian feat of June 24, 1821, in the Battle of Carabobo, of which we are celebrating its bicentennial this year, the popular victory of April 13, 2002, and the epic of May 2020, in the small fishing port of Chuao.



We will win!

Bolivarianly,

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