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### **COSI rejects mercenary incursion in Venezuela**

In the name of the Committee for International Solidarity and the Struggle for Peace (COSI-Venezuela), we express our firm rejection of the events today in Venezuela, in which a group of mercenaries, trained and protected by the Colombian government and with the total support of US and European imperialism, attempted to enter Venezuelan territory by sea.

Thanks to the swift action of the security institutions of the Venezuelan State, the Bolivarian Militia and the patriotic and antiimperialist consciousness of the entire people, the incursion by this first armed command was controlled. The situation, however, continues to develop, demanding maximum alertness in the country against those who seek to increase violence and fulfil imperialism's plans of dominating Venezuela and the rest of the continent.

These deeds demonstrate that the plans to attack our country continue, despite the complicated global situation caused by the COVID-19 sanitary emergency, and confirms the denouncements which the COSI has previously made to the UN Human Rights Council concerning the strengthening and promotion of mercenary and terrorist groups in Venezuela with the complete backing and financing of the US government.

We call on all of the progressive people who defend peace and stand in solidarity with Venezuela to reject this intervention, military plans for the country and to call for the raising of the unilateral coercive measures and an end to the criminal blockade.

**Unity of the People's to Defend Peace!**