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## Dear comrades:

It is a pleasure to address you, at the opportunity to send you a fraternal greeting and at the same time express to you on behalf of the Venezuelan people and its vanguard: the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), some considerations about the current political situation in our country, in order to provide some elements that allow a better understanding of it, and as a contribution to the analysis that is carried out around the national reality, from each of the political, popular, social, workers' organizations of which you are part.

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This situation is occurring at a time of great pain and anguish, due to the human trembling caused by the terrible *Covid-19* pandemic and a deep recession in the world economy, which is getting worse every day, as an expression of the continued and severe crisis of the capitalist system on a global scale, with its consequences of unemployment and contraction of the production of goods and services, among others.

This situation is a huge challenge for Venezuelans, who are fighting an unprecedented battle, while containing the pandemic, to recover our economy, affected by the crisis to which we have referred before, and by the criminal blockade imposed on us by the imperialist power centers; facing, at the same time, the economic-financial-commercial, political-diplomatic and military aggressions of the supremacist government of the United States.

Even in the middle of such a complex panorama, the Bolivarian Government led by comrade President Nicolás Maduro Moros has spared no effort to preserve the health of the People, fine-tuning the entire capacity of the Venezuelan health system, in order to guarantee the necessary medical care, treatments and tests, completely free of charge; as well as the conditions for the country's participation in phase 3 of the development of the *Sputnik V* vaccine, an alternative offered to humanity by the scientists of the Russian Federation, thanks to an agreement between both governments.

In this battle, we have learned that in caring for patients, the love, affection and dedication given by the heroines and heroes that make up the health personnel are essential, which in our case they have the unwavering support of the sisters and brothers of the Cuban medical brigades, who for two decades have been in the country together with Venezuelan professionals, leading an experience of solidarity that has spread to other nations of Our Latin-Caribbean America, and that reaffirms



humanist principles and internationalists who guide the actions of the Cuban and Bolivarian Revolutions.

None of this would be possible without the consciousness and organizational capacity of the heroic People of Simón Bolívar and Hugo Chávez, without the decision and the correct leadership of our Government and Party, and without the solidarity of sister nations, such as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Islamic Republic of Iran and, as we pointed out before, the always combative Socialist Cuba, among other peoples of the world.

Each and every one of you will ask yourselves: how have Venezuelans been able to resist, in the midst of the most brutal imperial aggression known against any people?

The explanation, again, lies in the revolutionary consciousness of the Venezuelan People, in the leading role it plays in the process of broad transformations initiated in 1999 by Commander Hugo Chávez; In other words, in the development of the principles of Bolivarian Democracy, as well as in the implementation of an economic policy designed by the National Government for times of resistance, which faces criminal measures that unilaterally and violating the most elementary principles of International Law have been imposed by the current administration of the United States, in order to prevent our Nation from carrying out transactions to access food and medicine, and international financing. The imperial prohibition includes: bonds, loans, loan extensions, guarantees of loans, letters of credit, invoices or discount notes and commercial papers-; as well as blocking the financial activities of the Central Bank of Venezuela (BCV) and prohibiting the carrying out of the operations of the Oil and Gas State-owned enterprise *Petróleos de Venezuela* (PDVSA), on which a large part of the country's income depends, also preventing required supplies from reaching the Homeland to produce fuel.

Also, we have been prohibited from being able to carry out any transaction with gold and cryptocurrencies; At the same time, oil companies owned by Venezuela have been criminally confiscated, and resources in gold and in foreign currency that we had deposited in banks in Europe and the United States.

All this, as part of a permanent and deliberate plan to destroy our economy, undertaken by the warmongering government of Donald Trump, with the complicity and direct participation of the anti-patriot faction of the Venezuelan extreme right, and some lackey governments in the region, who play the game of imperialism; a plan that even precedes the current occupant of the White House, and that has as a precedent the infamous decree of former President Barack Obama, through which



Venezuela was declared in 2015 as an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to the national security of the U.S.

It is essential that you know that even under the conditions that the country faces, the policy of progressive distribution of the resources of the Bolivarian Revolution is maintained, that we have made every effort to develop the internal market -with good results in some areas-, that we have taken measures of great depth to attend the small and medium industrial and agrarian production, that the working class is waging an intense battle to recover the Venezuelan oil industry, affected by the betrayal of a few, and by the brutal blockade which significantly limits the ability to have the inputs that we require for its full operation.

The *Recovery, Growth and Prosperity policy* designed by the Bolivarian Government led by comrade President Nicolás Maduro Moros, has made possible the reordering of the internal hydrocarbon market, the delivery of economic allocations to the most needy sectors, the protection of our production food and agriculture and the creation and promotion of the National Scientific Council, a fundamental lever in responding to the pandemic and in economic recovery.

Dear comrades, you should also know that on December 6, elections will be held in our country to elect the representatives of the Venezuelan People before the National Assembly, as established in the Constitution of the Republic; a contest to which we, Bolivarians united, with the confidence that gives us the fact of having defeated in the political and military field those who want to turn the Homeland of Bolívar and Chávez into a colony of the United States , and appropriate our natural resources.

Events such as the popular response to the invasion plan to the country that began on January 23, 2019; the victory of the revolutionary forces over the pretension of violating national sovereignty since the territory of the sister Republic of Colombia, on February 23; and the attempted coup of April 30 of that same year; as well as the events of May 03 and 04, 2020, when an invading force was stopped by the rapid and forceful action of the People of Bolívar and Chávez, and the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (FANB), in a civic-military union; they are clear examples of the strong will of Venezuelans to defend dignity, sovereignty and national independence.

These are the 25th elections since Commander Hugo Chávez began the process of broad transformations in 1999 that has allowed us to achieve the liberation of our Homeland; an event in which we are sure the revolutionary forces will win back the National Assembly, putting it again at the service of the Venezuelan People, after years of frustrated coup adventure by those who, with all certainty, no longer represent anyone.



Threats from the supremacist government of Donald Trump have not been long in coming, with a new plan being announced aimed at boycotting the electoral process for the coming month of December; At the same time, it has renewed its threat to intervene militarily in Venezuela.

This plan has been assumed by the neo-fascist and anti-patriot faction, which, following the orders of US imperialism, has announced that it will not participate in the parliamentary elections, as it did in 2005, a mistake that representatives of the opposition subsequently have recognized.

It is incredible as political parties and leaders, who frequently participate in electoral processes, and therefore obtain victories and defeats, as is natural in a democracy; they only recognize elections when the results are favorable to them. That is the fascist opposition we have in Venezuela.

Fortunately, the vast majority of Venezuelans, including those who democratically oppose the Bolivarian Revolution; we all are determined and resolved to participate in the elections for the coming month of December, which are key to peace and political stability in the country.

This is the product of a broad process of dialogue and national reconciliation promoted by comrade President Nicolás Maduro Moros, who has reiterated the call to sectors of the Venezuelan opposition to find peaceful and democratic ways that allow them to resolve political differences; a process for which, supported by the power conferred by Article 236 of the Bolivarian Constitution, the Venezuelan Head of State has granted a measure of presidential pardon to one hundred and ten citizens, some of them repeat offenders in the commission of various crimes against the order and stability of the Republic, including the attempted assassination attempt against the President himself, crimes of conspiracy against the security of the Nation and public peace, appropriation of public property, political violence and hate crimes, among others.

In any case, the democratic opposition parties are participating in an electoral process that has all the guarantees provided by the Venezuelan Electoral System, one of the most reliable in the world; under the direction of a renewed National Electoral Council (CNE) and with the expansion of proportional representation; a political fact of the utmost importance. So, the great ones defeated in the next elections will be those who wanted to turn the National Assembly into an instrument of the predatory plan of the neo-fascist government of Donald Trump.

For our part, the patriotic forces go to these elections united, with the same strength with which we face the great challenges that lie ahead, with the teaching



that Commander Hugo Chávez left us to always remain together with the People: a Civic-military union to continue building our Bolivarian Socialism.

The challenge is enormous, but Bolivarian women and men feel inspired by the epic of our independence struggle led by Simón Bolívar, builder of Republics and a paradigm of freedom, and by the legacy of Commander Hugo Chávez; assuming at the same time, and in all its dimension, those beautiful words of the national poet, Aquiles Nazoa, who said in his Creed:

"I believe in friendship as the most beautiful invention of man,

I believe in the creative powers of the People".

You, sisters and brothers of the world, receive our affectionate greetings and full solidarity with the battles waged by your Peoples in defense of sovereignty and independence, which, according to Commander Hugo Chávez in the *Homeland Plan*, is the most precious asset that we have reconquered after 200 years. Count on us, on the daughters and sons of Bolívar and Chávez, count, forever, on this Bolivarian and Chavista Revolution.

¡We will win! Bolivarianly, ADÁN CHÁVEZ FRÍAS Vice President of International Affairs of the Party United Socialist of Venezuela (PSUV)