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# Introduction

On September 24, 2014, within the framework of the 69th General Assembly of the United Nations, President Nicolás Maduro tackled important issues for the correct development of international relations, putting the emphasis on the need to re-found the United Nations Organization and its Security Council, as well as democratizing the functioning of the General Assembly.

Following the path of Commander Hugo Chávez, respectful of his legacy and his example, President Maduro overwhelmingly denounced the latest imperialist aggression against sovereign countries, as in Gaza by the State of Israel and Syria by NATO. He also made a call for unity in the fight against terrorism.

President Maduro also mentioned the nearly unanimous votes in the United Nations General Assembly in favor of the lifting of the blockade on Cuba and the support for Argentina in its fight against vulture funds. He urged

the United States to release Puerto Rican independence leader Oscar López Rivera and called on countries to join efforts in the fight against Ebola, a common cause of humanity. He donated \$5 million on behalf of Venezuela to fight against Ebola.

Finally, President Maduro presented the achievements and progress of the Bolivarian Revolution and denounced the permanent persecution against democracy and the Venezuelan people by the U.S. and its allies in Venezuela.

The day before, also in the UN headquarters, President Maduro delivered a speech at the Climate Summit 2014, where he recalled the speech of Commander Chávez and Evo Morales in Copenhagen (2009) and explained the need to change the economic, political and social system in order to save the planet. During his speech, he presented figures and statistics that showed how the capitalist model was responsible for climate change and its disastrous consequences for nature and human life.

Nicolás Maduro also met with social movements in Hostos Community College in the Bronx, New York, in order to show “the truth about Venezuela, its socialist, democratic, constitutional, and popular revolution that has managed to go along the paths of freedom.”

This publication presents these three important speeches delivered by the revolutionary political leader before a diverse audience in the city of New York, on the dates indicated above.

# **Action now! No more words!**

**Speech of the President of the Bolivarian  
Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros,  
at the UN Climate Change Summit 2014**

UN, New York, USA, September 23, 2014

*We see with astonishment how those who are principally responsible for climate change and its terrible consequences do not have the minimum political will to stop and reverse an evil of planetary dimensions generated by the large economic and financial global corporations.*

**Nicolás Maduro Moros**



We are here today in New York, five years after the largest meeting of world leaders at the UN to discuss the main threat to human survival in this century which is climate change. That meeting took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, where 119 heads of state and government were present, and I remember it well because I attended as Minister of Foreign Affairs, accompanying our eternal leader Hugo Chávez, who, along with other leaders of the continent, including President Evo Morales, expressed clear and forceful positions representing the voice of our peoples.

Today, climate change continues with more devastating consequences each day, threatening the global destruction of life on the planet and, unfortunately, we still do not see the light at the end of the tunnel. The environmental crisis that we suffer to-

day is defined by an alarming reality, and meanwhile, the factors that lead to the destruction of the planet advance with acceleration and the necessary and unpostponable measures of environmental control have not been taken.

Nature has been giving us clear signals of this grave state of affairs, but the powerful of this world only continue to abuse it systematically. This environmental crisis, the result of human actions, is part above all of the crisis of a model of a capitalist civilization, based on norms of production and consumption that are unsustainable, that produce inequality, injustice, poverty and the destruction of the planet. Capitalism has ignored during decades Nature's capacity to withstand and to renew, the laws of thermodynamics and entropy. Within the logic of capitalism, economic growth is incompatible with the survival of the planet. The logic of capital exploitation is simply unsustainable.

Today, 20 percent of the richest countries of capitalism consume 84 percent of the world's energy, which pollutes the planet and destroys its equilibrium. These polluting world powers have impacted life in the planet in two centuries. These powerful countries are the ones that now want to hoist the banners of

environmentalism in order to make more money with pollution by putting a price on emissions and exchanging, in financial terms, the right to pollute this world. We watch in astonishment how those who are principally responsible for climate change and its terrible consequences, do not have the minimum political will to stop and reverse an evil of planetary dimensions generated by the largest economic and financial global corporations.

It is necessary that we cast our memory back. It is now 22 years since George Bush Sr., at the cusp of the imperial arrogance of the unipolar World, in Rio de Janeiro said: "Our lifestyle is not negotiable." This was in response to those who were demanding concrete actions against climate change that year of 1992. But, exactly 22 years ago, on June 12th, 1992 also in Rio de Janeiro, the Cuban and Latin-American Commander Fidel Castro stated: "*An important biological species is at risk of disappearing due to the quick and progressive eradication of its natural life conditions- humans.*"

Now we have to take consciousness that, 22 years afterwards, this problem has aggravated. If yesterday it was late, it will be soon too late—even if some may



be displeased to be reminded of the most conservative scientific predictions, it is still necessary to say it here clearly. We cannot continue under a model of development that affects seriously the conditions of human life and puts in danger the existence of future generations. David Orr, professor of Oberlin College University and advisor to President Barack Obama, said at the beginning of this year the following: *“Even much before the climate crisis became the biggest failure of the market that the world has ever seen; it was an enormous political and governmental failure.”* He was referring to the idea imposed during the 80s of last century, according to which we should reduce responsibilities of the states up to nothing and the course for capital and markets should be enhanced without limits.

In view of this dark scenario made up of apathy, impotence, concern and indolence, it is more timely than ever to remember our Indo-American wisdom of South America: *“Only when the last tree has died, and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will you come to understand that you cannot eat money.”*

It is from the point of view of the so-called industrialized world that we have received the proposal that

the countries of the South use the so-called green economy. These proposals of the industrialized countries do not only go against the right to development of our countries, but also try to disguise the same capitalist formulas by using the flags of the environmental and ecological movements.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela confirms its commitment to advance in an integral planning that takes into account the three fundamental pillars of ecological sustainable development with a concept of an ecological social economy. Today Venezuela obtains 70 percent of its energy from hydroelectricity and has 60 percent of its territory under some administrative protection. More than 222 protected areas preserve 58 million hectares of forests, including national parks, biosphere reserves and fauna reserves. The conservation of Venezuelan forests represents emission savings of 12,221 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> and has diminished the loss of forests today by more than 50%.

Mr. President, Venezuela had the pleasure to receive in our country the PreCop social delegations; more than 300 delegates from 135 organizations and social movements from 71 countries that approved the Margarita Declaration. Mr. President, it is impossible

to dodge the imminent danger -that is what we say in Venezuela- of an ongoing climatic collapse. One of the most evident signs is the terrible phenomenon of climate change, which the great German thinker, Walter Benjamin, predicted as he referred to the domination of capital in the third decade of the 20th century.

How long are they going to receive capitalist proposals and solutions based on the old destructive model as answers to the serious problems that have been created in the last 100 years? Can anyone believe -just to give an eloquent example- that transnational corporations can become the protagonists of the planet's salvation overnight? Are those who turn human life and nature into merchandise going to accept commitments to change their logic in order to save the planet?

From our America, Mr. President, we stand up in protest and in indignation before those models that are now trying to call themselves "green economy".

Mr. President, we are children of the Pachamama, and from South America we say: Let us look with respectful voice and eyes, the necessary changes of a model that must be urgently assumed by the whole humanity. We welcome the call for this meeting on climate chan-

ge and we repeat what our Commander Chávez said in Copenhagen, let us listen to the voice of the street, the shouts of the people in Copenhagen five years ago still echo when they said: "*If we want to change the climate, let us change the system.*" Let us listen to the voices of the people that marched last Sunday in New York who said: "*Action now! No more words!*"

From the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, we are committed to continue to defend the right of the peoples to change the system so that we can preserve life on the planet.

Thank you very much, dear friends.





**We are right  
and we have  
the right to make  
our revolution**

**Nicolás Maduro Moros,  
Address of President Nicolás Maduro Moros  
at meeting with the community of Bronx, New York, USA**

September 23rd, 2014

*Chávez's idea was the idea of our  
Liberator Simón Bolívar. He recovered  
the original idea of independence, dignity,  
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construct republican citizens, to construct,  
upon the base of equality and liberty,  
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**Nicolás Maduro Moros**



Good evening to everyone, dear compatriots of the big homeland of the Americas. First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your truly warm and lovely welcome to the South Bronx community. Long live the Bronx! Long live New York! Long live the good people of the United States! Long live the good peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean living in this country!

This moment brings back great memories, and that is the first thing I want to share with you at this meeting—the memory of Eternal Giant Hugo Chávez, his thinking, his spirit, his work.

Long live Chávez!

Many lies were told about Commander Hugo Chávez. We can say he led a truly pure and transparent life and left undefeated, owning his truth. They could not beat Chávez despite the many demonization campaigns and the many lies told about his life and his thinking.

But the truth is that Chávez's idea was the idea of our Liberator Simón Bolívar. He recovered the original idea of independence, dignity, justice, the founding of republics to construct republican citizens, to construct, upon the base of equality and liberty, a land of prosperity and happiness.

Coming to New York, walk down the streets that were also walked down by our Commander, where he left an indelible unforgettable mark of solidarity and love which the peoples of the United States recognize today arouse memories. Thank you, thank you dear friends.

Thank you dear professor David Gómez, acting president of Hostos Community College, thanks for allowing us to be in premises so important for the history of education and social struggles of the Bronx. Many thanks, dear companion Danilo Lachapelle, a Christian reverend of this community who has shared his reflections, his prayer has touched our spirit. Thank you. I also want to thank George Gresham for his energetic message delivered with the strength of the union leaders, like the energy that always flows through Joseph Kennedy when he speaks.

We were welcomed at the entrance of this hall with Tito Puente's music. I can't imagine a better welcome for such a promising meeting like this one. We have just shared with the musicians, with Orlando Marín, conductor, a timpanist and singer of the Last Mambo King band. A round of applause for the Last Mambo King!

Also extraordinary was the performance of the UpBeat NYC orchestra of children and youth of the Bronx Community. They have welcomed us with joy, naturalness and prank.

I told the chargé d'Affairs, future ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United States, Maximilian Arbeláez, to invite this children orchestra to Venezuela for one month to share with the Simón Bolívar Orchestra System, and work on a cooperation agreement for the twinning with the Simón Bolívar Orchestra System.

You know that the Orchestra System has nearly 500,000 children. It is important to say that such figure will grow to one million. That initiative is a real miracle. It was founded by maestro Abreu, and is directed today by a number of extraordinary conductors, including Gustavo Dudamel. I was telling Joseph Kennedy, when the UpBeat NYC was playing about the experience with our Orchestra System. Maestro Abreu told me that not



a single child has dropped out of the Orchestra System. Not even one young boy or girl of that system has ever been involved in crime, violence or drugs. That is a system that catches the soul, the heart of the children instilling them with values to struggle for and respect life.

So, I want to formally invite these children and young people to come to Caracas as soon as possible so that they may learn the experience from the inside of our Simón Bolívar Orchestra System.

That's right, education! These meetings allow that we see each other, recognize each other in the social struggles, just as Wanda Salamanc said. As I greet her, I told her the same words she used in her reflection, Wanda, eventually we are essentially the same, we are Latin Americans who love and strive for a life of happiness, peace, and prosperity. You, here in New York, in the Bronx, in the United States. We in Venezuela and in the rest of Latin America are the same. That is a first achievement of these meetings, to recognize ourselves as the same people.

I was telling the dear friends of the jewish community of New York, a big hug for the jewish community, I was telling them that we all are children of the same God, we are the same people in God's eyes, and we can-

not allow to be poisoned with hatred by one religion against another, by one people against another to justify divisive wars, which eventually benefit the owners of the financial capital who have plundered this world for one hundred years. They invent perfect enemies to stage wars that are always cruel.

I also want to greet and thank the Palestine community here. They gave me a flag of Palestine. We dream of the day when the Jewish and the Palestinian peoples and all the peoples of the world live in peace for ever. The right to peace is may be one of the most beautiful rights that needs to be conquered by humankind.

So I was saying that meetings like this, first of all, help us recognize each other, see each other and renew our vow of solidarity and brotherhood, and continue to recognize ourselves as the same people, with a single path, with a single struggle.

Secondly, all opportunities are important to us. We cannot miss a single change to convey the truth about Venezuela. Venezuela goes through the first socialist, democratic and constitutional revolution of the 21st Century – a people's revolution, a revolution that has been knowledgeable in walking the path of freedom.

It is a revolution that has been subject of permanent harassment. It sounds like a title for a Hollywood film – a revolution harassed by the fatal obsession of those who want to own the world. No matter who sits at the White House, eventually they end up being dominated by the interest of the economic power. You know this perfectly well.

I want to apologize to you because I arrived a bit late, some 20 minutes late, but the thing is that today I have been twice a victim of president Obama, a President I respect.

The first time was at the UNO, as I was leaving the headquarters of the organization, together with other presidents we were victims of the security of president Obama. We were held by some 45 minutes. We could not move out of a corner were we were held. Until Obama quickly walked by. I called him: “Barack!” But he did not even turned around.

The second time was when we were coming here. Cilia and I were coming in the official car assigned to us – I want to thank the law enforcement people and the New York police especially, for the protection provided to our delegation, very professional indeed, thank you.

So we were coming along Park Avenue and in the middle of the avenue there was a huge deployment of police officers, New York police patrols, all streets blocked, two kilometres in both directions. We got stuck in front of a traffic light. We were held there for 25 minutes.

Then, we saw the president Barack Obama’s convoy pass by. We waved him, but he did not see us... Ultimately, I believe he lives in a bubble. He passed and then the roads got cleared. Ten minutes later we arrived here. So, I apologize for having arrived so late. But it was not our fault.

We love the history of the peoples, and that is why we come here tonight to tell our truth, the truth of Venezuela. Many things are said day in day out about Venezuela in the large west media corporations. So many lies are fabricated as to the life of the good Venezuelan people whose only sin is aspiring to and dreaming of living in a new society, constructing an economic, social and political model transcending capitalism, beyond capitalism and its evils and destructive power.

That is the only one sin we have committed, Reverend. We confess that we have committed the sin of dreaming and achieving our dreams. And we will continue to sin and make our dream of a humanist, Christian

and Bolivarian socialism for the 21st Century come true.

That is why we brought some stuff as a gift for some of you, for the social movements represented here, for the religious groups, and the compatriots from all the sister nations of Latin America and the Caribbean, the unions and the intellectuals, the scholars and the great friends of Venezuela.

Firstly, we brought three films, so that you come home tonight, get some pop corn, and watch them. The first one is part of the history of our Liberator Simón Bolívar: *Bolívar, the man of the difficulties*. A brilliant film!

The second one is about a universal man who was here in the times of the US independence. A friend of Washington other independence leaders. He lived in Washington some time, then he lived in Baltimore. He lived also close to Delaware river in Philadelphia. He lived in Boston, and in New York he organized an expedition to liberate Venezuela in 1805 and 1806. It is about Francisco de Miranda, the most universal Venezuelan ever. He joined the French Revolution. He was in Russia and then came back to Venezuela and participated in the independence from 1810 to 1812.

The other film we brought as a gift for you is somewhat connected with the commencement of this

meeting. It is a very beautiful film titled *To play and to struggle*, which is the history of our Simón Bolívar Orchestra System. That is a part of the gifts we brought.

Whoever pays a visit to a friend in another country must bring gifts with him or her. Those films are our first gift. The second present is the truth about Venezuela. I was thinking yesterday as I was in a popular urban development in the central region of Venezuela, in the city of Maracay, State of Aragua, in the Socialist city *Los Avia-dores* (The aviators), which is a city made up by 4,400 apartments built by the Revolution, among other many housing units developed by the revolution, and I would like to share tonight with you such thoughts. How come that one Sunday, the day with the highest distribution of newspapers, when they print 30% or 50% more copies, and in some cases even 100% more, how come that ... (interruption) ... Here you are one of our star Ambassadors, Ambassador Roy Chaderton to the Organization of American States, and Samuel Moncada, Ambassador to the United Nations, two ambassadors, two flagships for the Bolivarian diplomacy... How come Roy, How come Samuel... Ah, the former ambassador to Washington, and current Secretary General of ALBA, Bernardo Alvarez is also here. You, my friends, who know so well

the United States, you who are three great ambassadors, who live in the US and also suffer here, isn't it curious that *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, two of the most powerful newspapers of the United States and the world, on the same day, on the same Sunday, two days before our visit to the United Nations Organization, published editorials containing lies and attacking president Nicolás Maduro and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. It is a coincidence, isn't it? It is a coincidence that both editorials said the same thing. What a coincidence! However, the rudest one, and may God forgive them because they do not know what they are doing, the rudest one, the most racist one is the editorial of *The Washington Post* who says that I am an illiterate, that calls me a bus driver, something I take pride of because I was a worker of the Caracas Subway system, I take pride of being a worker, of being the president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and speak on behalf of our Homeland to the world. It is good that *The Washington Post* knows this, as well as all the people in this country and the world.



They wrote a bunch of lies. Do you think this is a coincidence? I say it is not. I have the exact information. In Venezuela it is 08:10 p.m., today, Tuesday, is the day of the radio show we broadcast every week, *In contact with Maduro*, so this is the first international show from New York. I greet all the listeners of In contact with Maduro.

I know who wrote the editorial. They had the same draft, one single draft delivered to both The New York Times and *The Washington Post* and another draft was to be published via Twitter, Facebook and other internet media. Well, *The Washington Post* must have forwarded to people who hate us, a very racist one, and said “how is it possible that a bus driver”... “How is it possible that an illiterate man” – as they say- because they say I am an “illiterate”, that is how they see us, they see us from above, they do not see us as equals. Social racism as denounced by Roy Chaderton since 2002, which was one of the reasons for the coup d’Etat against Commander Chávez and for the hatred instilled against Venezuela and the Bolivarian Revolution. That is why it is so important for them to prevent me from coming to the United Nations Organization. At that moment, I was pondering whether to come or not, because I have plenty of work to do. I will have to rearrange the agenda, but as soon as

I read the two editorials –thanks to *The Washington Post* and The New York Times- I decided to come because the full truth about our Homeland needs to be told here.

We are not better or intend to be better than others, but we cannot accept such attacks, that we are subject of denigration, of despice. We will not accept that ever, because we know that any attack against Venezuela is aimed at preventing that the democratic and popular revolution of Venezuela -deeply popular, and with a deep Latin American identity- that hoists the flag of Bolívar and marked with the spirit of Hugo Chávez becomes an example.

They attempt to prevent such revolution from continuing to ride the 21st Century and continuing to consolidate in the social, economic, cultural and political realms both in Venezuela and in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the rest of the world, because the peoples of the world are seeking for new models. We cannot limit ourselves to criticisms that must be strong and sufficient. We do not want to simply criticize predator capitalism which intends –for example, now- to steal the flags from the environmentalist movements from around the world and put a new face to the same monster. Now they have a new name for the same monster that has destroyed rivers, seas, that has polluted the

world and plundered the wealth and exploited the peoples for one hundred years of capitalism in the world –“green economy.”

They call it “green economy” now. But it has nothing green, sorry, I correct. They are right, I correct myself. Of course it has something green, the only green thing is the dollars bankers want to negotiate the destruction of the planet, as if they may leave the planet. There will be no Noah’s Ark. The only way for a Noah’s Ark is that our Lord, always wonderful and magnanimous, sends a Noah’s Ark to the peoples. It is not capitalists who will build the Lord’s Ark, if they destroy, or it is not money that can purchase the Noah’s Ark. That is why, we need to listen to the voice coming from the streets. Let us change the system if we want to help the climate and recover the balance for the survival of humankind.

We need to use this meetings to bring our modest humble truth. But I say to you that we do not intend to be better than anybody else in the world. We simply intend to do what is right. We defend ourselves with love, because we deeply believe in what we do and that is why we have humbly brought some other materials to study the truth about Venezuela. Firstly, you will find here some materials with the achievements of all social

missions, with the social programs of the revolution in education, healthcare, environment, housing, food and nourishment, funding for entrepreneurs, cooperative associations, etc. Here you are, one by one experiences to be studied for the development of knowledge, to be communicated thorough thousand social networks and place this truth in the hand of millions around the world and demolish from its groundwork the wall that they intend to build to surround and siege Venezuela, to defeat the Bolivarian Revolution.

That is the first gift we distributed today among the delegations to the United Nations –information about the social missions to guarantee protection, as it is guaranteed in Venezuela, I do not know if in the US as well, I cannot meddle in domestic affairs, you know. But I can actually say that all our children –from their birth- and our youth –and even the senior persons– and all our people are entitled to a free, public and quality elementary, secondary, technical and university education. That is an achievement of the social missions of the Bolivarian Revolution.

I mention this alone so as not to speak long. But these materials are fit to see how comprehensive social rights can be constructed as human rights accessible to

our peoples. Our constitution reads that education is a human right and a non-delegable responsibility of the State. The same is applicable to housing and habitat, the right to food, the right to public healthcare. Deploying thousands of doctors right there in the communities not only to look after the people who visit the healthcare community centers, but also go out and visit the people door by door to attend children and senior people. It is possible a deeply human public healthcare system at the disposal of the people. It is a God's commandment, we Christians believe, that healthcare has to be public.

We have to express our eternal gratitude to Cuba, a sister nation, for the enormous support provided with Cuban doctors and pay a tribute to Fidel Castro, a giant of the Americas. Long live Cuba! Long live Fidel! Long live the glorious history of the Cuban Revolution!

We also brought as a present a magazine, *Respect Venezuela (President translates himself the name of the magazine)*. Cilia (the President's wife) is learning English. She takes English lessons everyday. She could even take the floor in English here. She is the First Combatant. She could be my interpreter...

This magazine presents a set of arguments and ideas dismantling all the lies against Venezuela. They are simple arguments on the strength of our democracy which we are trying to take to all levels. Likewise, I want to leave here copies of the historic speech delivered by Commander Hugo Chávez on September 21st, 2006, as we accompanied him at the UNO, the celebrated speech with the title: *It smells like sulphur here*. We are leaving copies in Spanish and English, and also copies of the video.

Well, it is a set of materials to defend the truth of our Latin America. Because it is not a process exclusive of Venezuela in this 21st Century, as Commander Chávez envisaged in the early 90's: The 21st Century will be the Latin American century, the century for the new independence, as it begins to be. That is why—as you know—a collective leadership has emerged, a leadership of a new kind, each one with his or her own specificities.

In the Caribbean, we have our strong Republic of Cuba, as usual, hoisting for 60 years the flag of dignity. In Nicaragua, the sandinista forces of Commander Daniel Ortega have taken vanguard and command positions again, constructing peace in Nicaragua. In El Salvador, the Farabundo Martí National Liberation

Front has stood up with tenacity and historical patience. They had to take up the arms back in the early 80's. Then, they had to leave the arms and take the streets to face the asymmetric fight, without a cent, knocking door by door and construct victory one step at the time. They won their first victory with our friend, former president Funes, and now Commander Salvador Sánchez Cerén leads our sister nation, El Salvador.

Likewise, the Citizens Revolution in Ecuador, headed by that great leader of Latin America, Rafael Correa, has consolidated. And what can I say about Bolivia? In the coming days, president Evo Morales is going to have a landslide victory. He is going to score so many goals against the Bolivian right wing. And what to say about the Brazilian process with Lula, Dilma and the Workers Party and the social movements? The Broad Front (Frente Amplio) in Uruguay. The Kirchnerist peronism of president Cristina Fernández in Argentina. The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) with ten countries of South and Central America and the Caribbean is like a vanguard, it spearheads and opens paths in Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

And next to ALBA, we have the Union of South American Nations, also a project founded by Comman-

der Hugo Chávez for the new times. We also have the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC, Spanish acronym). In short, a new and diverse Latin America.

If there is something new, and good –and we may say if there is something unheard of– in all this process experienced by Latin America and the Caribbean, is that we have managed to find points to understand each other and to unite ourselves to defend our interest amidst the ideological and political diversity and the diversity of mostly popular revolutionary left-wing projects. But we have also managed to reach agreements with the right-wing leaders ruling in important sister nations with whom we keep a dialogue and coexistence as the good neighbours we are. This was not achieved in the 19th Century.

Bolívar's original project in 1826 was to found a great bloc, a great union of republics, a great nation of republics in what used to be the Spanish colonies. That project was killed before it was born, 1826. Instead of a powerful union of republics, a powerful bloc to defend us, we severed ourselves. The original project was betrayed and 20, 30 little republics, and I apologize for expressing this in this way, became dominated by the



European empires, and later by the imperial elite that dedicated the whole 20th century to military interventions, imposition of dictatorships, murders of honorable men like Salvador Allende, the eternal president of our beloved Chile.

That was the 19th and the 20th century, 200 years and the time came to find the original path. It is like someone looking for something in the midst of a thick forest and finds the original path that will lead him or her to his or her destiny. That is how we are now. We are waving a machete in our hand opening a path. In that struggle, I say due to what the companion said, in this battle, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, you know, has made the historical decision of inviting Puerto Rico to become a member of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States. Sooner than later, Puerto Rico, we are positive, will achieve its independence.

Tonight I want to send special greetings to Puerto Rico, on two important dates: September 23rd, 1868, the cry of Lares, our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters; and September 23rd, 2005, the assassination of Filiberto Ojeda. Filiberto lives!

You have to avail yourselves of this Puerto Rican minute to remember. Today a journalist from a news agency that tells many lies about us, asked me: “Is it true that Venezuela has political prisoners?” I answered: “What is true -and I am absolutely positive that you do not know, and if I say it you will not communicate it- is that it is here in the United States where there are many political prisoners, beginning with Oscar López Rivera –the oldest political prisoner in the world.” The Latin American and Caribbean Mandela. Freedom for Oscar López Rivera! That must be a claim of our struggles.

From here I want to salute the family and relatives of Oscar López Rivera, to his daughter, his grandchildren, and all the Puerto Rican people. I tell the truth, I do not know Oscar López Rivera personally. I believe that we should organize ourselves and struggle for his freedom. I would like to meet him, that he might go to Caracas, and go with him to the place where the remains of Liberator Bolívar lay, and embrace him in gratitude for so much courage and so much dignity.

There are many people who admire Mandela. I am sure 100% of the people here admire Mandela, don't we? But there is also an attempt to turn Mandela in a sort of fashion, and some very racist people, and some

people who despised South Africa during the apartheid times, now wear T-shirts with the face of Mandela. It's okay. That's not wrong. It means that they have moved towards more just positions. Let us not criticize them. But I say to these people admiring Mandela to touch their hearts, because among us, here in the United States, isolated in jails, subject to shameful treatments and humiliations on daily basis, against him and his family, there is one of us, someone like us, whose only crime is aspiring to see Puerto Rico free and independent. He is the Nelson Mandela of these times –Oscar López Rivera, and his cause is just.

We also advocate for the liberation of the three Cuban prisoners in U.S. jails for fighting terrorism. There were five. Two of them have been released. René and Fernando, but three still remain in prison. The U.S. claim to fight terrorism. How come that they keep in prison three honorable human beings from our Cuba whose only crime was seeking for information from mobsters operating in Miami that were preparing terrorist attacks like placing bombs in public areas, in hotels, theaters in tourist areas? We must raise our voices louder to demand the freedom of our three Cuban brothers who are kidnapped in jails of the United States.

President Barack Obama, act generously, please. I hope this respectful call may reach you. President Barack Obama, you have two years more of tenure. Send a message in these two years that help you become a positive memory in the minds of the peoples: Let Oscar López Rivera free, release the three Cuban persons who were fighting terrorism and that are unfairly kidnapped.

Take a higher ground, be kind. I ask God, Reverend, to enlighten his mind and his heart so that he may find inspiration, who knows if he gives us the surprise and we can have Oscar López Rivera back here in the Bronx, in this hall, receiving the love of the Bronx people, of the people of New York.

Dear compatriots, we want to thank all the activity that is performed here on daily basis. We have here companion Rafael Ramírez, Foreign Minister of Venezuela. He was president of PDVSA for eleven years, and was the one who kicked off the Citgo Oil company program here.

And here we are another great companion. They both are from the same generation who grew up in PDVSA. They are brothers in the struggle, Rafael Ramírez, Foreign Minister and the President of Citgo, companion Nelson Martínez, the bearded one. We also have here a clon of Nelson Martínez, Rafael Gómez, they call him “Popeye”,

“Popeye, the sailor”. These men come from the same generation, they have struggled for years and they keep the union, the permanent brotherhood, the same cause.

And I say that our company Citgo, our plans with Citgo shall be strengthened ever more. We must broker the necessary alliances to strengthen that investment of Venezuela in the United States. Let it be known, to clear any doubt, we will strengthen our investment.

We need to grow stronger. Citgo is a capitalist company doing business, rendering a service, but as the majority stockholder is PDVSA, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, our beloved Republic, opened the honest humble possibility of developing the Heating Oil program and deems it needs to be consolidated and extended and enhanced. Currently, we reach over 150,000 families in 25 States of the Union.

In Venezuela, we also say “it’s not peanuts” –25 States of the Union have the Citgo programs, not only the deeply christian program for the working class, for the people with the lowest income so that they do not get frozen in winter. That is why Chávez earned the heavens. Chávez has earned a position next to our Christ, because he was a true Christian, not only in his words. He was a Christian practising solidarity, love. He broke all paradigms.

We are present in those 25 States, I hope we may reach the 50 States of the Union and that this may help grow deeper the human bonds and that the people of Venezuela, the Latin American and Caribbean peoples living in the United States and have their children and grandchildren here, and the people of the United States learn that humankind needs to become a single humankind, with a single faith –the faith in peace, peace in cooperation and in mutual recognition.

Some have attempted to promote the idea that we are anti-U.S. No. I believe that the only anti-U.S. –if I may say so– the only anti-U.S. people here are the very elites of the United States who have sent to wars their youth during the whole 20th Century. They do not care about their youth. We have never been or ever be anti-U.S. people.

Since Bolívar times, we are anti imperialists, anti colonialists, anti slavery, anti capitalists. We are for humankind, for Christian values, for Socialism.

We are anti imperialist since Bolívar times. He faced and defeated the Spanish power and the most powerful troops over the world. They came from defeating Napoleón Bonaparte, and Bolívar went to meet them in the battlefield in the heights of Junín, in the heights of

Ayacucho and expelled them from these continent. Yes, we are anti imperialist, and anticolonialists.

But Bolívar, observing the way how the governments of the thirteen colonies behaved after achieving their independence from the English empire, envisaged in 1825 –referring to the elites- that “the United States of America seem destined by the Providence to plague America with misery in the name of liberty.”

They are prophets. They have the gift of prophecy. They can envisage the future because they love and commit themselves to their present. And a human being committed to his or present and abandons human misery, and meanness and becomes capable of loving freely and fighting for love to his or her homeland, family and community also becomes a prophet and begins to see clearly the present, but above all, the future. So please, do not say we are against the U.S. people. We have not been or ever will be. We deeply love U.S. culture. We respect it. We admire it. We can enjoy a good blues, a good jazz, a good rock band. Ever since we were kids we did enjoy that peacefully. We enjoy the victory of our baseball players and we admire baseball, and basketball. You were world champions, it is an extraordinary team. That team has made the U.S. a world basketball champion.

We admire U.S. history and we would truly like that sooner than later we may have relations based on respect and cooperation. I am doing whatever is humanly possible to have respectful relations with president Obama, with the Government of the United States, to discuss our differences.

But nobody is going to shut us up. We will continue to speak out our convictions. We will continue to demand non intervention in our domestic affairs, and respect for Venezuela, we demand that they take their hands off Venezuela and Latin America. We are entitled to the right to leave in peace and in democracy. Stop financing the fascist opposition. Stop using the U.S. taxpayers’ money to finance fascism.

You pay taxes, don’t you? Millions of dollars of the taxes you pay are wasted as they are used to funding a failed and deceptive right-wing opposition in Venezuela. We do not know if it is more loser than deceitful or more deceitful than loser, what we know is that they receive huge amount of dollars taken from your pockets to conspire against a legitimate government, the government of Commander Chávez, and a legitimate revolution that I head now with the vote of the people and the majority support of the Venezuelan people.

So, we will continue to make all efforts, ambassadors, chargé d'affaires, diplomatic personnel, social leaders, indigenous leaders, union leaders, we will continue to construct bonds. Many times since the time I was the foreign minister, and as I was asked by reporters: "How are relations with the United States?" I always answered: "They are in the best moment ever in history". This puzzled journalists. And I used to say, "Of course, because if you ask me how the relations with the United States go, with the U.S. people, with its society, I must say that we never had better relations with the people, with the universities, with the intellectuals, with the unions and social and religious movements."

They never before were so good. If we make a profile of the status of the social and political relations between Venezuelan social movements and people, and the U.S. social movements and people, this is the best moment ever. Now if you ask me about how the relations with the U.S. administrations all these years have been, I say not well; sometimes bad, other times worse, but we always harbour the hope that they can improve and we work so that they may improve.

In the 60's and 70's the U.S. went to a war against Vietnam. How far is Vietnam from here? 10,000 kilometres, Roy? Roy already made the estimation, 11,433 kilo-

metres from New York is the Ho Chi Minh city, isn't it? It is a 24-hour flight, with a stopover for fuel in Hawaii. How many soldiers did the United States lose in Vietnam? Over 55,000, and over one million vietnamese people died. How many missing people? And some time later, they said a *mea culpa* and explained that going to Vietnam was a plan of corporations to make business out of war and that it was a mistake. Later, the government of the U.S. and its institutions have developed excellent relations with Vietnam, and Vietnam is ruled by the Vietnamese Communist Party, and its name is Socialist Republic of Vietnam. That is an example.

And how about China?

But now they cannot accept that we who are a mixed and untamed ethnic group, we who are rebels, unbowed, take over control of our lives. Was it good for us the 20th century when our economies, our politics and our lives were reigned by U.S. corporations. Was it so good for us? How high was poverty and misery in our countries? 80 percent poverty, 30 percent of extreme poverty, said Joseph Kennedy. When president Kennedy went to Venezuela in the 60's, poverty in our country was 70%, after 60 years of domination by the U.S. oil companies. Was it good for us? No, it was very bad. Fur-

ther, we are entitled to a life in independence and in dignity. That is why I make such reasoning.

I think nobody today..., not even Mrs. Clinton can defend the brutal blockade of the U.S. government against Cuba. She is a bad example, that's why I mention her, and I apologize for that. But I say, not even she, who was State Secretary until recently, and aspires to become president, it seems, doesn't it? I believe that nobody in the world can defend the blockade, the economic persecution against the Cuban people. It is an anachronism, an abomination that must stop.

Ninety-five percent of the countries represented at the United Nations Organizations vote every year against the economic blockade, but the U.S. fail to hear. Do you know why? Because that elite ruling the U.S. back in 1790, 1795, 1800, dreamt of Cuba as a fruit that would fall ripe and would become another star in the flag. They cannot forgive Cuba, the Cuba of Fidel, that it has stood in dignity and has claimed that Cuba is independent and constructs its own cultural, political, and economic model, a world of its own.

It seems they intend to commit the same mistake once again, and they are entering a dead end street in relation to the Bolivarian Venezuela.

They thought that with the physical loss of our Commander Chávez the revolution has to end. That was what they calculated. And I say from New York to those who think, the so called think tanks, advising decision-making in the State Department, the Pentagon, with all their differences and groups, to those making decisions at the NSA, at the White House, to President Obama, I say, timely, to correct the erratic policy of harassment against Venezuela and our revolution, because our revolution has not fallen and will not fall. Our revolution has popular, democratic roots and constitutional and popular legitimacy.

Further, we are right to make it and have the right to make it. We are right and we have the right to make our revolution. We do not need to ask for permission from anyone to make it; we do not need to ask for permission from anyone to begin it. Further, we defend the loftiest ideal ever, which is the glorious ideal of Liberator Bolívar, and we hoist the flag we inherited from a man born out of the womb of our land, the greatest bolivarian in 200 years, our Commander Hugo Chávez.

I just wanted to share these thoughts with you.

Gentlemen from *The Washington Post*, gentlemen who paid the editorial of *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, you lost your money. Why don't you invest it in social works? How much does it cost an editorial note in *The Washington Post*?

Maximilian, How much would it cost? 200,000 dollars? 300,000 dollars? How many good things could be done with 300,000 dollars for this children orchestra of the Bronx to increase the number of children or buy instruments?

I just wanted to share these thoughts with you in this wonderful evening, an evening to think, an evening plenty of joy, of love, a truly unforgettable night.

We came to New York, as we said before, to bring our truth. Besides bringing our truth, we came to take the enlightened truth of your faces, of your spiritual strength, dear brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean living here in New York, living in the United States.

Many thanks for so much solidarity, for so much love. Please count on the Bolivarian Revolution, count on the Homeland of Bolívar, count on the people of Venezuela.

*Long live the unity of the Venezuelan people and the peoples of the world!*

*Long live peace!*

*Long live love!*

*Long live the new world!*

*Thank you very much!*

*Always up to victory!*

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# **THE WORLD DEMANDS REFOUNDING THE UNO**

**Address by the President of the Bolivarian  
Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros,  
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*Let us not let the general claim of moving forward to refound the United Nations Organization stay in the air or in the emptiness of this hall; let us find paths, let us develop a common roadmap for the human kind. We need it to face the great causes we must face*

**Nicolás Maduro Moros**



**M**s. President, dear brothers and sisters from the various governments represented at our United Nations Organization.

First of all, this being the first time I attend this forum in the capacity as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. I would like to express my gratitude to the General Assembly of the United Nations, to all governments and the various bodies of the United Nations System for the heartfelt homage simultaneously paid at the UNO seat in New York, Geneva and other places around the world, to Commander Hugo Chávez, an extraordinary human being who always hoisted the flags of the cause of peace, equality and respect for our peoples. This is the first message I would like to convey to you on behalf of the people of Venezuela. To remember him, to invoke his libertarian spirit, his anti imperialist spirit of justice.

Dear representatives of the governments of the world, for several decades we have discussed the need to refound the United Nations Organization. This has been reminded in their speeches by the presidents who preceded me in the floor; and this morning it was very heartfelt remembered by President Dilma Rousseff, President Cristina Fernández, President Evo Morales, among other presidents of our America –the need to undertake a process for the re-orientation, adjustment and re-adjustment of the United Nations system.

This system was created 70 years ago, after the end of World War II, the second war that took place in Europe and other places in the world between 1940 and 1945.

The United Nations Charter is really one of the most beautiful poems we have ever read. Yet, it has actually become a neglected instrument, forgotten since its fundamental purposes are subject of permanent violations. The United Nations is a historical experience of humankind, a milestone. Never before, never before the human kind had a meeting point to discuss the matters of peace, life, and look for solutions to conflicts. Never before in 7,000 years of known civilization.

If we check human history, we will see that it is the history of the empires and the permanent struggle for wealth and territories of the world. It was with the creation of this system in 1945 when we finally began to see a light at the end of a long tunnel of battles, wars and world conflicts.

We defend the validity of the United Nations today despite any criticism we may have. And we insist on that validity and on the human importance of the existence of this organization, and therefore, we insist in the necessity of deep transformation, as Commander Hugo Chávez stated in several occasions from this rostrum in his celebrated speeches to defend the human cause: “A deeply democratic refounding of the United Nations system is required.” It is necessary to democratize, as stated by President Jacob Zuma, from South Africa, our sister nation of South Africa, our sister Africa. It is necessary to refound the United Nations Security Council, to broaden it.

Today, the participation of the regions is somewhat different from the situation in 1945. It is simply a different world. If the United Nations were born to address topics concerning the postwar reconstruction, and the conflicts which emerged thereafter, today the United Nations needs to adapt itself to a multipolar, multi-

centric, a pluripolar world with new world actors, with emerging countries and regions with a voice of their own, with a thinking of their own, with aspirations to be respected by the rest of the world.

The United Nations need to adapt its bodies and submit to the general sovereignty of the peoples of the world claiming for their voice to be weighted and respected, to be heard; as appears from the speeches delivered today when this 69th session of the General Assembly begins.

We likewise believe in the need to strengthen the Secretariat, as so many times discussed, the political and institutional weight of the Secretariat to represent us all; a Secretariat who knows how to listen to everybody, working out peace formulae and solutions for the world conflicts. We also believe in the need to reconfigure the functioning of the U.N. General Assembly by rendering it more democratic, provide it with a protagonistic role and open room for the significant debates on all the meaningful world topics that take place at the General Assembly may always reach a safe haven.

That is why we believe in the necessity to construct a new United Nations Organization for peace, for a new world, for a multipolar world, without empires intending to impose their will and bring us all back to the times

of a unipolar world. It is urgent for the world, beyond the ideas of the governmental officials represented here; there is a new world where we all want to talk, think and decide the destiny of our country. There is a new regional feeling. In the 40's and 50's the idea of the European Union emerged, an experience of new regionalism in Europe, which is commended and admired by many around the world.

Back in the 70's or 80's, the African Union, an extraordinary organization system of our sister Africa was born to deal with developmental issues of one of the regions of the world that has been subject of martyrdom, our mother Africa.

Now, in this early 21st Century, Latin America is doing its part, new organizations have emerged in our Latin America. We are set to celebrate next December 14th in Havana, the heroic Cuba, the island of our big homeland, the 10th anniversary of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, which is playing an increasingly significant role in the construction of a new social, economic model to defend lofty causes, such as the climate change. It is ten years already. It is a young organization that begins to project itself into the rest of the 21st Century. We also developed Petrocaribe, brothers and

sisters of Petrocaribe who are present here, 18 states, it is one of the projects –and I apologize for the lack of modesty in this statement- that best illustrates what a new world of peace, justice, solidarity, complementarity can be: Petrocaribe. And I say this particularly to the powerful of the world, to those who manage the big capital, those who hold the economic power: Another world is possible, and we are showing this in Latin America. The creation of the Union of South American Nations, UNASUR, a new regional feeling of the South founded in April 17th, 2007, with the participation of the new leadership of Latin America. Our Commander Hugo Chávez was there on that 17th of April, 2007.

UNASUR is already a very interesting and significant bloc that begins to relate to the rest of the emerging world. Recently, an interesting meeting was held with significance for the rest of the years of this decade between the BRICS organization –it is necessary to name them here, the BRICS countries, the hope for the development of new mechanisms in the world- and UNASUR in Brasilia. We decided to share experiences between the announced BRICS bank and the Bank of the South that already exists, that is, a new financial architecture of the world that needs to arise from the new regional feeling.

Likewise, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, dear brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, that was created on December 2nd and 3rd, 2011, in Caracas and that consolidated in the Summits of Santiago, Havana and will continue to consolidate at the next Summit in San José, Costa Rica, next January. It is a new regional feeling, and based on that experience, new forms to establish a maproad to refound the United Nations Organization arise. Let us not let the general claim of moving forward to refound the United Nations Organization stay in the air or in the emptiness of this hall; let us find paths, let us develop a common roadmap for the human kind. We need it to face the great causes we must face.

Mrs. President, the United Nations Organization, on regularly basis, for 22 years has voted with a record attendance for a cause that is the cause today not of our America alone, but of the governments and peoples of the world. I refer to the rejection of the economic blockade of our sister Republic of Cuba, an anachronism of the Cold War, as a President who preceded me in the floor said, I think it was the President of Estonia. He spoke of the anachronisms of the Cold War and the economic persecution systems to impose political regimes and submit



the peoples. We want to ratify, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela wants to ratify, our position vis-à-vis the blockade against Cuba. How much damage has been caused to the Cuban people for over 50 years. President Barack Obama, when will the time come for you to make history and lift once and for all the criminal economic blockade and the persecution against our sister nation, Cuba?

Likewise, new causes add to the current struggles of our region, struggles that are faced on unitary basis. I want to make a recognition as a great progress the decision made by this organization, by this General Assembly two weeks ago, to support the Republic of Argentina, its president Cristina Fernández de Kirchner in the struggle against the financial ransack mechanisms of the vulture funds. We want to contribute all our best endeavors for this General Assembly, according to the proposal of the G77 + China, to achieve in a prudential span of time and with the highest efficiency and quality possible a draft document that becomes into a binding instrument for the nations represented at this organization, to defend ourselves, particularly the poor countries of the world, the countries of the South, against the pretensions to create vulture funds to take over and plunder our economies, but also to impose on us conditions

that threaten our economic, political and institutional development. In short, to avoid the creation of such vulture funds. We ratify to our sister nation Argentina all the solidarity of the Venezuelan people and, I dare say, all the solidarity of the peoples of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, and let us move forward with such historical decision for 124 votes which was resolved one week ago.

Venezuela also joins, as we did at the Havana Summit of CELAC, the wish that the United Nations Organization supports in a warmer and closer manner, if I may say so, and enforce the decisions binding the United States of America to execute a plan for the decolonization of Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico, as decided by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, has been invited to join the community because Puerto Rico is a Caribbean country, it is a Latin American country, Puerto Rico is ours.

And I raise our voice in this hall of the United Nations for the liberation of a man about whom surely many of you will hear for the first time. President of South Africa, Jacob Zuma, spoke to us about Madiba, the great Madiba, Nelson Mandela, forgotten during decades by many of those that attempt to claim him as if Madiba were a

representative of their causes. It is fine. It is fine. Nelson Mandela is the representation of human quality, of the capacity to resist of the peoples in order to achieve their goals of justice, democracy and peace. Therefore, I want to present here the case of a man who has been almost 35 years in prison, subject to denigration, and his family as well, a man like us, from Latin America, from our Caribbean, a Puerto Rican. I speak of Oscar López Rivera, the oldest political prisoner today in the world. And he is in jail in the United States of America. We demand his immediate release. Oscar López Rivera. His sole crime, his sole sin, was to fight for the independence of his homeland, defend his beautiful flag bearing a star of dignity, our sister Puerto Rico.

These are causes of our historical time. In Venezuela, as you all know, we are constructing a popular democratic revolution that begun with an impeccable constituent process. For the first time ever in the history of our homeland, the Constitution of the Republic was debated with the people and passed in a referendum, with the sovereign participation and the vote of the Venezuelan people, 1999, and from that moment onwards, a social, political and poverty reduction process has unfolded.

We have an appointment in 2015, to check the post-2015 agenda, to check compliance with the Millenium Goals. I can say here that in our Venezuelan homeland, in the Bolivarian Venezuela of our Commander Chávez, after a huge effort, Venezuela has fortunately achieved practically all the Millenium Goals.

We have achieved a school enrolment and attendance rate of over 90 percent in all levels of public, free and high quality education, in elementary, secondary and university education. We have lowered the unemployment rate which amounted to 20 percent 15 years ago to 5.5 percent at the closing of last year. Unemployment. We have shifted the curves. Precarious employment rate was 60%, now 60% of employment is stable and protected, backed with social security protection, job stability and fair consideration.

It could take hours to talk about the progress made in terms of the Millenium Goals. Venezuela has undertaken the recovery of its oil wealth. As you know, Venezuela has the largest certified oil reserves of the planet, down there along the beautiful banks of the Orinoco river. There we are the largest oil reserve, and for the first time in 90 years, the Venezuelan oil is recovered as a natural resource to leverage the economic and social development of our Homeland.

Well, Venezuela has had to bear the permanent harassment, a permanent conspiracy by the empire and the allies of the U.S. empire, who have intended over and over again to undermine democracy. They were responsible for the staged coup d'Etat against Commander Chávez, and after his physical disappearance, on March 5th, 2013, such forces have resumed their pace of action to damage our country.

From this rostrum, I thank the solidarity of the governments of the world, of the peoples of the world, to the struggle of Venezuela, to the resistance of Venezuela. They could not defeat Commander Chávez, they will not be able to defeat us, and Venezuela will continue to move forward on its path towards democracy, to Revolution, to independence and dignity, with its own voice in the world.

Mrs. President, we all are faced with big problems today. As you surely know, the largest threat is the virus involving a hemorrhagic fever, the ebola virus. If this world, and our United Nations system were more humanly rational, instead of sending drones, missiles and bombs to destroy the people of Gaza, or to bomb the peoples of Iraq and Syria, we should be focused today on contributing to face such real threat.

I listened to the President of Chad as he announced his decision to contribute 2 million dollars to the fund created for research on ebola. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has decided to join such effort with a contribution of 5 million dollars for all the funds that are being created to support our Africa, which means supporting all the people in need over the world.

We should be discussing scientific reports and making decisions accordingly; we should be focused on another topic which is of primary importance as it is the survival of our species in the planet –the climate change. As I said yesterday using a poem of South American indigenous people: “Once they do not have any other river to poison, once they do not have any other lake to destroy, once they do not have not even one fish to eat, then the powerful of the world will have to eat their money.” They want to impose strange formulae when we all should recognize that extraordinary efforts are needed and declare a climate change emergency not only with speeches, documents and general offerings.

We need to recover the quality of human reason for our organization and to strengthen it and put in the top of the agenda the true common problems affecting us all.

Today, the United Nations Security Council has adopted a set of decisions to fight terrorism. We agree with fighting terrorism, we have condemned it over one year ago at the ALBA. I ask here, the murder of western journalists, despicable methods the ones applied by such groups, hurts us all enormously. However, it seems we all were not equally hurt when children were captured at Syrian schools by those terrorist groups and others, when their throats were cut, and when the throats of women in mosques were cut. Is it not equally painful? Or does life worth more in one country or in the case of a kind of people with a certain skin colour than life in another country or region, or life of other people with a different skin colour?

Human life is worth alike to us, and therefore we have condemned the terrorist attack by the NATO and by its allies against Syria for one and half year to oust the government. And I strongly say here with a true soul of bolivarian and chavista: Had the government of Syria been ousted by such insensible imperial attacks, today in all that large region of Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordania, a big power would have been established by all such terrorists. Despite any feeling anyone may have, we must say that it is president Bashar Al Assad and the democra-

tic and constitutional government of Syria the one who has stopped the terrorists and has suffered thousands of casualties. We believe that instead bombing wildly, a great alliance of peace is needed against terrorism, yet respecting the sovereignty of the nations, respecting the sovereign governments of the region. We simply would like the U.S. delegation to take note of this and to convey it to president Obama —only one alliance respecting the sovereignty of such nations, the participation of their governments, their peoples, and their armed forces shall defeat the Islamic State, and all the terrorist forces that rose as a Frankenstein, as a monster nourished by the West itself. There is no other way to defeat them. It is not with bombs killing innocent people. Enough with the bombing and death of the brothers and sisters of the Arab people of Iraq.

The sovereign governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordania, Egypt, all of the countries of the region should establish a political, military, cultural, communicational, a comprehensive strategy accompanied by the UNO Security Council. A different solution would be crazy.

Listen to the statement of the president of Chad. What happened to Lybia? They stimulated hatred and an anti-

Khadafi front. They said it was necessary to finish Khadafi, and what is happening in Lybia now? It is a territory for arms traffic, explosives, groups, terrorist gangs controlling chunks of the country, finishing the beautiful history of the Lybian people. It is a mad race of violence, more violence and more terrorism. A more unsecure world has risen out of the mad hand of those leading and making decisions in these bodies. We still have time. Modestly, we contribute our voice, our proposal, and we do this with love, with true love, as well as we have expressed our solidarity with Palestine, a solidarity we will continue to renew.

From Venezuela, the ALBA, has opened, as you all know, an air bridge for logistical support with food, medicine, and blankets to the Palestinian people who recently endured a truly brutal attack. Peace, total peace, our organization needs to be refounded to collectively seek total peace. It is not the threat of the use of force, or the use of force, or the internal conspiracy to oust governments like the one I preside which will lead us to stable peace. No. It is respect of international law which will lead us to stable peace and total security.

Lastly, Mrs. President, I want to thank the full support of the General Assembly. Next year, Venezuela, thanks

to the support of all of you, will take on the Presidency of the Non Aligned Movement and we humbly aspire to truly play a dynamic role in the process towards the re-founding of the United Nations, to the reconstitution of the world priorities agenda where everybody may have a voice and a vote, where nobody may impose an individual will. So, next year you all will be welcomed, all the delegations of the world, to our Caracas, to the historical summit of the Non-aligned Movements. We wait for you there.

Thank you very much, Mrs. President, thank you all. May God bless the world and give us the strength to continue bringing peace to our peoples.





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