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PRESENTATION

This is a summary of five anti-imperialist speeches by Nicolás Maduro, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, between February 28th, 2015 when the escalation of the imperialist aggression was evident, and March 15th, 2015, five days after the Executive Order signed by President Obama accusing Venezuela of being a threat to the United States' national security.

The first speech informs Venezuela and the world about the steps the Bolivarian Government had to take to defend the country against the imperialist attack in the year 2015.

The second one, in responding to the Executive Order signed on March 9th, makes a characterization of the attacks and the hazards Venezuela has had to overcome during the last two years, after the physical absence of Commander Hugo Chávez.

The third speech is the request of an anti-imperialist Habilitant Law before the National Assembly, and the fourth one informs about the beginning of the Bolivarian Shield 2015 military maneuvers.

In his fifth speech, the Venezuelan President reviews the first six days after the declaration of Venezuela as a threat, and he praises the people's mobilization and the new doctrine of peace stated in the declaration issued by Unasur on March 14th supporting the Bolivarian Nation.

In all of them we can see a distinct line of thought: the denounce of imperialism, the unswerving commitment of Venezuela with peace, solidarity among peoples, and the

firm conviction that Commander Hugo Chávez did not plow the sea, and planted in the Venezuelan people, a people of liberators, the seed of liberation, dignity and struggle for independence and sovereignty.

INTRODUCTION

In spite of the innumerable, and always dramatic, interventionist antecedents of the successive governments of the United States in a number of countries of Our America, the Bolivarian Government never abandoned its willingness of a dialogue with them based on a spirit of equality and mutual respect. Even in the most critical situations of our bilateral relations due to the interfering of the United States in the internal affairs of Venezuela, President Chávez did not fail to offer a hand to avoid a confrontation that would only bring about difficulties for the Venezuelan and the American people. Nevertheless, the interference increased to conspiracy which ended up with an attempted Coup in April, 2002 and afterwards in the sabotage to the Oil Industry (December 2002- February 2003), until Commander Chávez, in a crowded mass rally whose objective, in his own words was, "...to say no to Yankee intervention in Venezuela, to say enough to the government of Mr. Bush, one of the most interventionist, aggressive and colonialist out of the governments that have sat in the White House... Mr. Bush, here is Venezuela, hear the greetings from Venezuela. Mr. Bush, you and your clique who have been supporting coupists here, who have been supporting political destabilization here, who have been supporting economic destabilization, who have been violating our sovereignty, who have been doing their best to overthrow the legitimate government of Venezuela, have had a response in the recent past. Here you have it today, and if you want us to give you more re-

sponses, the people of Simón Bolívar is ready to give you more responses...” (Caracas, February 24th, 2004)

Few months after, in November 2005, in Mar del Plata, Argentina, President Hugo Chávez, Nestor Kirchner of Argentina and Lula Da Silva of Brazil, together with Evo Morales, who was not President of Bolivia at that time, gave a deadly blow to ALCA (Free Trade Area of the Americas), which President Bush was trying to impose representing the big transnational companies and the American empire. We still remember Hugo Chávez’s unforgettable remark: “ALCA, ALCA, ALCA-rajo!” (approx. ALCA sucks!)

President Nicolás Maduro abiding by the legacy of Commander Chávez, since the very first day he assumed the post as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, reassured the anti-imperialist conviction of the people and of the Bolivarian Government “The United States imperialism and its allies will do everything and will use every means in their power to destabilize and illegitimate the electoral process and the institutions of the Bolivarian Republic, by means of the sabotage to the functioning of the Government and the Venezuelan economy hindering the political actions of the collective leadership of the revolutionary process and, most importantly, they will make every effort to destroy the ideological, theoretical, programmatic and cultural legacy of Chavism (Cuartel de la Montaña, April 1st, 2013).

The first year of President Maduro’s government was under repeated aggressions from the imperialism which figured out that the physical absence of Commander Chávez would weaken the Revolution making it vulnerable. They attempted to overthrow the President appealing to a call to set the country on fire, to a fierce economic

war and criminal “guarimbas” (violent street demonstrations), but the response of the people was as convincing as the words of their president “Second complex period where the enemies of our country thought they could blackmail, threaten or interfere with the Revolution, but each attack made the Revolution move forward, accelerate and radicalize, that is one of the sacred laws of the Bolivarian Revolution, before each attack of imperialism, we must accelerate and radicalize the Revolution without any hesitation or doubt.” (Cuartel de la Montaña 4-F, July 31st, 2014)

Today Imperialism bogged down in its economic, moral and political crisis, as a wounded beast, attacks more violently, threatening to provoke its usual massacres as in Cuba 1961, Dominican Republic, 1965, Nicaragua, 1981, Grenada, 1983, Panamá, 1989, just to mention a few out of the most numerous examples on declaring that Venezuela poses a threat for their security.

But once again they encountered a revolutionary response from the solidarity of a continent, from a brave people and its president: If here, one day, imperialism managed to impose a coup, we would no other choice than the people’s and the continental’s armed struggle, there would be no other way, it would be taking Bolívar’s flag and, once again, march along the path we did not want to walk, may God and our own political effort prevent violence from being imposed on our country” (Cuartel de la Montaña 4-F, March 5th, 2015).

On March 8th, 2015, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, signed an ordinance to sanction the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, whose rhetoric is in keeping with previous presidential orders which have led to economic blockades, bombings and invasions on

other countries such as Iraq and Syria. Today Venezuela is the target of the attacks of the United States because it represents an example and the hope for the struggle against imperial hegemony in our region.

But these ten years since that meeting in Mar del Plata, have not passed in vain. The awareness of the Venezuelan and the Latin American people about the disastrous role imperialism has always played in the development of the peoples, is expressed through the unanimous condemn to U.S. interventionism from Unasur, Celac, ALBA and other mechanisms of regional integration.

Speech by President Nicolás Maduro Moros in the context of the people's mobilization in defense of the country

Palacio de Miraflores,
Caracas, February 28th, 2015

“We want peace, coexistence. And we will be able to attain it. Our victory will always be peace, it will always be sovereignty, independence, it will always be dignity, to stand tall, all of us with dignity, never kneeling before any empire”

Nicolás Maduro Moros



President Maduro in the first line of the anti-imperialist struggle, Caracas 2/28/2015.

Last year, the government of the United States issued 103 official statements against the country of Bolívar. Between February and March, when they believe that the “guarimbas” (violent street demonstrations) would overthrow the Revolution, they issued 65. Of course, in February and March they sponsored the “guarimbas”, they sponsored the monster, the assassin. And they said “Maduro can withstand a “guarimba”. Mr. imperialists from the North, it is not about Maduro, it is about a whole country that decided to be free, to be sovereign, and that country will not be defeated by the North American imperialism.

This year, only in January and February- only in two months, in less than sixty days, the government of the United States has issued 65 statements against the people, the sovereignty and the dignity of Venezuela.

But besides I have the proves here, videos, audio texts and other elements that stand as prove and testimony of the illegal and conspiratorial activities of several officials of the government of the United States of America against the Constitution and the Venezuelan Laws.

Obama, in a dead end

President Obama, I deeply regret, you have let yourself been taken along a dead end. I deeply regret that in a year in which I have made public calls, sent you a letter and envoys (...), you refused to talk with me to solve the issues between Venezuela and the United States, Latin America and the United States. I am sorry; I mean it, because I respect president Obama, beyond differences. He is the circumstantial president of an empire.

Commander Chávez used to say there were two Obamas. The Obama from Chicago, the fighter dreaming of a different world, and the Obama of the White House, who is the

president of an empire. The Obama from the White House has let himself be put in a dead end towards Venezuela.

President Obama, I speak in the name of God, rectify on time, because the path you have taken will only mark you for years on end in history and will left you a stain as it was the case of George Bush with Venezuela, as it was the case of Richard Nixon with Chile, as it is the case of all those who have attacked the dignified people of Latin America.

President Obama, the officials from your embassy are plotting to overthrow my government, I have proves. President Obama, your government is sponsoring and supporting the political organizations and the leaders of the political organizations who disclaim the Constitution of Venezuela, who disclaim the legitimate government of Venezuela and who make open calls to overthrow it violently. You support them personally.

Attaining peace

I have asked the Secretary General of Unasur, in the first place; Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, and today I asked President Tabaré Vázquez, who is taking over the presidency of Uruguay tomorrow, and will be president of Unasur for a year, to send their ministers of foreign affairs to Venezuela, to show them all the proves of the coupist interventionism of the government of the United States in Venezuela.

I request the protection of Unasur for the people of Bolívar. We want peace, coexistence. And we will be able to attain it. Our victory will always be peace, it will always be sovereignty, independence, it will always be dignity, to stand tall, all of us with dignity, never kneeling before any empire.

Political and diplomatic measures

But at the same time I must take a number of measures of diplomatic and political character about the government of the United States, to set some legal limits to normalize the relations with the United States and so, avoid conspiracy.

I have thought it over and I request all the possible support for Venezuela, all possible support from Latin America and the Caribbean. It is for our country, it is for our sovereignty that I am going to take the following steps.

First, I have ordered chancellor Daisy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez to proceed immediately, abiding by the Vienna Convention, Article 11, 11.1, to revise, reduce, adequate and limit the number of North American official they have at their embassy in Venezuela. They have 100 officials; we have 17 there, no, terms of equality between states, respect between the states. First step, immediately.

Secondly, according to the Vienna Convention, which is the International Law that regulates the relations between the states, I have commissioned the Chancellor of the Republic to notify all the officials at the United States embassy in Venezuela to abide by article 41, 41.1, and conspirative meetings of those officials are over. Every meeting they are going to hold in Venezuela has to be notified and expressly authorized by the government of Venezuela.

I have been forced; I have to say it, forced. To the people of the United states, my respect, respect and admiration, to the Afro American brothers and sisters who are being slaughtered, harassed in the streets every day, to the Spanish descendants, to the Latin Americans, to the Caribbean people who are persecuted and sent to prison by the thousands, and there are jails for children in the U.S.-Mexican border, tens of children detained and imprisoned in concentration camps; to the workers, to the trade unionists, to all of them I

send my solidarity, my appreciation for all their support, you can count on the respect the people of Bolívar feels towards the people of the United States. We see you as brothers and sisters. These decisions go against the imperialist elite.

I have been forced to make a third decision. I have been thinking it over since I was a chancellor. It is just at moments of extreme aggression that it becomes a diplomatic weapon to detain the imperialist aggression. In the last few days we have detected some activities and we have arrested some North Americans who have been working undercover, espionage, trying to recruit people from towns in the Venezuelan coast, in some neighborhoods; in Táchira we captured an American plane pilot of Latin descent carrying all kinds of documents, and he is talking. So, in order to protect our country I, in the third place, have decided to set up a system of obligatory visa for all North Americans who want to enter Venezuelan territory. They must pay the same amount Venezuelans pay to enter North American territory. We will see the system of visas as a protection system.

Whoever wants to come as a tourist will always be welcome, whoever wants to come to do cultural, academic or sports activities, will always be welcome, whoever wants to come and play in our professional baseball league, or basketball, will always be welcome and have his visa, but I was forced to set up a reciprocal system of visa granting in order to protect our country, and we are going to charge them in dollars the same amount they charge Venezuelans here at the U.S. Embassy.

The United States believe they are the masters of the world, the police of the world, no; the time of imperialism is over.

I call for a world rebellion against U.S. imperialism, let us say no to the world government, no to imperialism, No!

Enough with empires in the world: The Venezuelan people say: Down with imperialism!

They made the decision of enacting an Act to sanction. An Act of sanctions which is really an excuse to conspire. In that list they claim to be secret, it is said they included some honorable military persons from our country; a list where they intend, as the guarimbas failed last year, to condemn the political, civilian and military authorities of Venezuela for combating the guarimbas and their resolute defense peace and the Constitution of Venezuela.

The guarimbas failed and they enact an Act of sanctions as if they could rule the world, and the Law in the United States had an extraterritorial validity. Can you imagine if they managed to impose that vision and Venezuela one day had to abide by the law of the United States of America? What would happen to the dreams of our liberators? What would happen to the sacrifice of thousands of men and women from different generations, what would happen to our identity, our flag, our dignity? That is the reason why we have rejected those sanctions and that Act. We do not acknowledge it.

That is why in this anti imperialist mass rally that has overcrowded Caracas, I announce, in the fourth place that, abiding by the power vested on me by the Constitution and the Law, I have decided to make list of prohibitions in order that visas are not granted, and that is why they cannot come to Venezuela ever; to a number of political authorities of the United states who have violated human rights bombing on the people of Iran, the people of Syria and the people of Viet Nam.

An anti terrorist list headed by George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, the former chief of CIA, George Tenet; the U.S. ultra right-winged Congressman Bob Menéndez, Marcos Ru-

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bio, the she-wolf Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Mario Diaz-Balart. They will not be able to enter Venezuela because they are terrorists. Out of here, terrorists!

Those decisions abide by the Vienna Convention, by the International Law, by the Constitution, but above all, by international justice, ethics and the vital conscience of the Venezuelan people.



The people mobilizes against the U.S. ingerence, Caracas 2/28/2015.



The people and their president on February 28th, 2015 express their firm will for independence.

Message to the nation and meeting of President Nicolás Maduro with the Cabinet of Ministers and the Military High Command

Palacio de Miraflores
Caracas, March 9th, 2015

“We must always carry out a permanent assessment and remember the tests we have had to overcome to gain the right to independence, to true peace and the exercise of sovereignty. He who overcomes these tests wins the right to exist, to live, to be”.

Nicolás Maduro Moros

address the whole country, the righteous men and women who work, study and love in our country.

Last night, after having a conversation with Vice president (Jorge) Arreaza, I was recalling until late at night, the hardships of two years, two years of threats, of permanent attacks, two years since the departure of our Commander Chávez up to our days. Year 2013, you know dear comrades all we went through, first the departure and farewell, with the tears of authentic sorrow for our Commander and infinite founder.

Year 2013. First test, departure of our Commander

Later, during the electoral campaign and the elections, that the right-wing intended to turn, with the support of the United States empire, into an insurrectional deed. They were two hard tests; the first one, the test of the Commander's departure, and the people together, ready to continue the construction of our country.

Second test, elections and respect for the results

The second one, to face the electoral campaign, psychological warfare, a campaign of rumors and lies; elections and the respect for the electoral results with the most perfect electoral systems that has ever existed in the history of Venezuela. Many people in the world who know it claim that such a system cannot be found anywhere else on earth, armored against fraud, lie and the deceit imposed on Venezuela for over 100 years of elections.

That was the second test, and we overcame both with the same vision, with courage, with unity, with work, with goodwill; First test, overcame; second test, overcame, and afterwards we went out to the streets to govern; Street Govern-

ment; we summoned the people, and the people answered our call, because what our people want is peace, work, tranquility, prosperity, that is given by the Revolution, the new revolution of independence founded by our commander Hugo Chávez.

We must always carry out a permanent assessment and remember the tests we have had to overcome to gain the right to independence, to true peace and the exercise of sovereignty. He who overcomes these tests wins the right to exist, to live, to be.

Third test, the economic war

Afterwards came the economic war. I said it at due time, some people say Maduro sees things. I do not see things. I have a lot of information that has afterwards been corroborated again and again, and when I have information I train the people, the Armed Forces, the Government, the leaders of the country. I train them as Commander Chávez taught us. I train; I inform so that everybody becomes a guardian of peace and knows where we are standing.

I just received information from the White House, why did I receive that information? Because our Commander Chávez left us a network of people that protect us around the world. Anywhere in the world, in unsuspected places, you can find a person who loves and respects us. There are even people who do not share the socialist project, but neither do they agree with the attacks the United States of America launches against Venezuela and Latin America. There are people who send me letters with all the information and tell me: Enough, the interference of the United States' governments in the lives of all the nations of the world must definitely end.

There are very evident cases, as that of Edward Snowden, but there are thousands of other similar cases. Some of them found their way to get to Commander Chávez, and he handed me over all those sources of protection, they warned me: Be very careful, President Maduro, because there was a meeting at the White House on June, and they told me who attended that meeting, The State Department, The Department of Treasure, the CIA, the White House and other organisms, I was told the names. There was a discussion about Venezuela and they established a strategy of an economic, commercial and financial war as a key element of the war against Venezuela, to weaken the country, to tire the people, to upset them and to destabilize them, so as to later try to win the 2013 municipal elections and, once defeated in the municipal elections, to overthrow you.

That was accurate information. I gave it to the country. And as I gave it to the country and the corresponding institutions, we kept on working, with the faith we have in the people.

A number of the leaders who work as agents of the United States in Venezuela and use the public freedom in Venezuela to do politics, and great media of the oligarchy turn them into political figures, go out to the streets. The ones chosen by the U.S. empire some years ago, who will become leaders of the opposition and who has been imposed, by the power of money, as you know, went out to challenge and say that the elections for Majors and councilors was to be a plebiscite. The plan was coordinated, but they did not count on our sagacity, as they say. They did not count on the intelligence of a conscious people.

The Venezuelan people felt challenged in their dignity, in their love for the country, and those who feeling deep sorrow had not voted on that April 14th, and many others ladies and gentlemen, fellow countrymen, workers went out and,

thank God, we attained a great victory, 55% of the votes across the nation.

2013, third test we overcame in democracy, in peace, by conscience, and nothing stopped our work.

2014, the fourth test, the guarimbas

In 2014, we have discussed that in public, there came the ambush. They failed and launch a violent offensive to overthrow the government, cold blooded, because we had come from a great victory. They had prepared groups of attack, full of a doctrine of hatred and trained in street violence.

At the pick of the guarimbas (violent street demonstrations), they managed to activate about 120 points of simultaneous violence in the municipalities, almost all of them, 99%, where the opposition won, and not any opposition, the most right-winged opposition which used their victory to organize violent groups.

We faced the guarimbas as a democratic and humanistic government should face them, with the Constitution in our hand.

In any country in the world, in the United States, if a political leader calls to overthrow Obama and at the same time launched violent actions to block the main avenues of Washington ¿What would happen? They catch him and I am more than certain that they would give him a life-term sentence or death in an expedite way.

Not in Venezuela. In Venezuela we enforce justice, but it is true justice, not imperial justice. Forty three lives were lost, all of them related to guarimbas, among them ten officers of the Guard, officers of the National police, troopers, 10 who were assassinated by snipers ¿What would happen if in a violent act, similar to the guarimbas, officers of the U.S. Army o the National Guard- I think that is the way

they are called- were assassinated by snipers in the United States? What would you think happened? And those people are taped and identified.

Patiently, with a firm hand we faced these massive attacks of the guarimbas which damaged our country. Forty three people killed by the whim of a group of agents who act as politicians in Venezuela, but respond to the North American interests, to a plan of the United States to conquer Venezuela again, to recolonize our country, 850 wounded, out of them almost 380 seriously hurt.

Violence also paid its toll on economy as well, 20 billion bolivars was the cost Venezuela had to pay. It hurt all the productive and distributive structure of our country.

Fourth test, painful test already overcome. We defeated the guarimbas with the Law. The law and the will for peace of the people of Venezuela was imposed thanks to the firmness of the institutions. And, since that very moment, the government of the United States and some other international right-winged sectors began to protect these violent groups.

(The United States) issued 105 statements last year in which they interfered in the internal affairs of Venezuela, and attacking Venezuela. Out of those 50% claimed for the liberation of the violent leaders of the guarimbas, and the coupists. During those months we dismantled a serious attempted coup.

The United States claim, every day of their lives, for the political figures, but has not expressed at least once, concern for the military who are in prison, sentenced and convicted for the coup organized in March last year, they just forget them.

Afterwards, second term 2014 and intensive smuggling war, reselling of products at higher prices, to prevent our people from spending a happy Christmas.

2015, conspiracy

The conspiracy of this year 2015, which has been strong, has come to prove two things: one the effort of the United States and its political figures, their agents, the Venezuelan right-wing, to harm Venezuela, to destroy and spread violence all over the country. And secondly it has shown the immense power, the immense will of Venezuela, its institutions, and our whole society.

Few governments in the world would withstand the attacks we have withstood in 16 years; the attacks we have received in 2 years, and the attack we have faced and defeated in January, in February and now in March; an international media attack and a national media attack.

First event: Sabotaging the designation of public authorities

In December, as we usually do, through the political dialogue in the National Assembly, we came to an agreement as for the designation of public authorities, as it is stipulated by our Constitution. That was done between October and November, long working sessions. Hundreds of Venezuelan professionals handed in their curriculum; assessments were made, conversations; all the deputies in the opposition all of them as part of this process, and political leaders of the opposition signed, and when the representatives of the citizens power were going to be elected, Supreme Court of Justice and Electoral Power, the opposition received a call and refused to participate. They sabotaged the designation.

Thank God we have a solid majority of 99 deputies in the National Assembly, all the public authorities were constitutionally designated, and all that had been previously signed as for the Supreme Court of Justice, for the National Electoral Council, the three rectors there, was strictly respected;

the opposition supported just one who bears the name of his own father, who has been a political leader of Acción Democrática (Democratic Action) all his life and now of Un Nuevo Tiempo (A New time) Luis Emilio Rondón is his name. Do you think that name appeared by chance? No, it did not. It was the result of conversations, assessments, commitments, so that the Venezuelan democracy works through dialogue in a sovereign way.

When they withdrew, with the discourse the used, it was obvious that the road to shortcuts and adventure was beginning again. Besides, we knew who had called and where that call had come from, and the language used by the caller, who gave the order from the United States Embassy to interrupt this constitutional agreement. From that moment on a discourse was established to justify with vain arguments that have been raised as arguments against Venezuela for 16 years, which were raised against Salvador Allende at his moment, against Joao Goulart in Brazil at his moment; against Jacobo Arbenz at his moment in Guatemala, just to mention three historical cases in our Latin American country to add up to the right.-wing coupist record.

Second event: The economic ambush

And in January the economic ambush of sectors of the oligarchy; an economic ambush that constituted the second event.

The first event was not recognizing the constitutional agreement and raising the coupist discourse. The second event was the economic ambush while I was in China and Russia, in the necessary tour, so that they could create conditions for the third event: ransacking and violence. Pay close attention to the statements from the United States during the days of the economic ambush, so that you can see the

link between them. Read well the editorial of the right-wing press in Madrid, Miami and Bogotá and you will see what the orders were.

Third event: Ransacking and violence

We captured about 250 people promoting ransacking, all of them militants of the opposition.

The Executive Vice president received messages from deputies of the opposition so that a hundred of these people that tried to generate the violence they were after, in the third event of ransacking were set free and their trials were supervised. Those citizens were rejected and denounced by the people.

Many of them, as they are trials done in liberty, are around, but they are subject to trial as it should be.

Fourth event: Maduro, we are coming after you

The fourth event was, as if drawn out of a magician's hat, they took out the tender doves of the most recalcitrant right-wing together with the tender doves of an opposition that has tried to keep the democratic looks. All of the sudden everything together, in a press conference and time came again, Maduro we are coming after you, time is ripe and we are coming after you, and we are going to organize 50 thousand demonstrations and to the streets, and we will not leave the streets until Maduro goes; the same chants of hatred, violence and war we knew in 2002-2003 emerged. They are the same. The same people, the same hatred and the same chants, the same mottos, the same mean intentions.

And the people, important sectors of our population, that may be upset because this or that has not been done, that may be upset because they have been teasing them hiding basic products from them, the instinct, the national intelli-

gence, the collective intelligence, that instinct said something to the people: "There is something funny here" and the people left them alone.

So they failed in the element they believe to be politically essential. Once the economic ambush, the ransack, central political event, they would guarantee the world they could fill the streets and avenues of Venezuela in an attempt to bring back April 11th, 2002. And afterwards a major event would come.

Interrupting the chain of events

We were cutting the chain of events link by link. When they broke up (the agreement) in the National Assembly, we went out to mobilize the people, and the country identified itself with the designations and there was a great rejection to the sabotage of the deputies from the opposition in the National Assembly. Their own voters did not like that position.

The second event of the economic ambush, we went out to the streets, I was abroad, but the Vice president, all the Vice presidents, the Party, the Great Patriotic Coalition, the Armed Forces, they all went out to the streets to protect the people, to embrace the people, and to tell the people the truth about what was going on.

The third event of ransacking was also interrupted thanks to the cooperation of our people and the prompt action of the Bolivarian National Police, the Bolivarian National guard and the Police in the different states.

The fourth event had to do with the opposition, when they came out as if from a magical hat and impetuous doves to summon thousands of their followers: We said, the people to the streets to guarantee peace, and from that moment on we have made countless demonstrations of thousands and thousands of workers, women and youth.

The people in the street cut not only the chain of events, but the attempt to repeat an April 11th. And, as planned in the original plan, we had been doing a follow up to a group of officers that were the remnants of the slash of the attempted coup in 2014, when I spoke in Qatar, I knew what I was talking about, I was fully informed. I said, on seeing the circumstances and having internal information of what they were trying to do, and we have already proved it fully with the elements in our hands: In Venezuela a cruel, bloody, and violent coup in on the way.

We were immerse in the tasks of intelligence, but I had to move in advance at the risk of some of the conspirators hearing me and changing the activities so that we could not, as we managed to, record every one of the activities the conspirators did.

Fifth event: Attack using planes

And what was the fifth event? If the first one was not recognizing the agreements, the second one the economic ambush, the third one would the ransacking, the fourth one the mobilization of the right-wing in the streets, as they did on April 11th, the fifth was a violent attack using planes brought from abroad pretending they belonged to the Bolivarian Military Air force.

Here they had two planes. I know where they were. I know their registration numbers. They had already been painted as if they were Venezuelan Tucanos. And it was the blow, the stab. Just imagine those planes shooting the President, murdering him.

Imagine those planes opening fire as the terrorist Carlos Osuna, a protégée of the United States in New York, says on a video. And the Government of the United States keeps silence about this terrorist who was calling to overthrow a government.

And that fifth event in the chain of events generating chaos was preventively cut, as it should be. I thank the patriotic officers of the Air force, thanks for protecting the country and peace which is a heritage of all, men and women.

What was that chain of events for? To provoke a general chaos in the country, generalized violence. What for? To intervene in Venezuela.

Venezuelans, men and women, who are living in this historical moment. We are living a most important moment in the defense of our sovereignty, in the defense of this sacred land of Bolívar. It is time for definitions. It is time to march forward to tell the North American empire that intends to violate the sacred sovereignty of our country, that our people are united, each time more prepared to guarantee that this land can never be touched by the Yankee boot. Never and ever in this life we are living.

Defeat of the coup d'État

The coup d'État, of Gringo made, has been defeated. And before the defeat of the coup and the inefficiency of the North American agents, the political figures of the opposition, the United States of America and President Barack Obama, representing the imperialistic elite in the United States, has decided to assume personally the task of overthrowing my government and intervene in Venezuela so as to control it from the North American power, that is why they have made that move today.

It is time for definitions. It is time to be confident in the higher moral strength the country of Bolívar has over any immoral empire there is, especially over the North American empire, and to trust in the strength of the Bolivarian and Chavist ethics, and be able to act consequently to defend our

sovereignty, as established by the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Once the coup failed, as failed all the dimensions accompanying it and Venezuela marches towards recovering its financial and commercial stability affected by the coup and towards the consolidation of political stability looking forwards to the parliamentary elections, the figures and accounts do not add well and have decided to disturbed seriously and severely life in Venezuela.

New awakening of the Bolivarian consciousness

I summon all Venezuela, the true patriots, men and women, from this land. I call upon the new awakening of the Bolivarian consciousness and the awakening of a new consciousness of dignity, to demand as one voice, respect for Venezuela.

I also call upon all the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. I have received call from several governments, and there are some other conversations tomorrow from Latin America and the rest of the world.

Before I came here today, I talked with President Evo Morales who expressively said to me: “Comrade Maduro, give the Venezuelan people regards from Evo Morales and the Bolivian people, tell they them can count on the support of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to defend Venezuela as if it were Bolivia itself.”

In the same way we have received messages from ALBA, Unasur and the rest of the world. I must say the world has reacted with surprise and disbelief.

The most aggressive and unjust measure

President Barack Obama today has taken the most aggressive, unjust and dire step that has ever come from the United States against Venezuela, the land of Bolívar.

During the last two years I have been President, I have said it a thousand times: president Obama do not let yourself be taken to a dead-end, rectify while there is time. But president Obama has made his decision.

President Obama has decided to get into a dead-end, a dead-end of failure, and he has decided to be remembered in the future as Richard Nixon and George W. Bush are. So president Obama will remembered for what he has decided today, the aggression against the people of Venezuela, a noble people, because the Venezuelan people is a people of peace, president Obama; and you have no right to attack it nor declare Venezuela as a threat as a threat for the people of the United States. You are a threat for the American people. The ones who decide to invade, to kill and sponsor terrorism all over the world.

What a blunder president Obama of those who make decisions in the United States. The policy of the United States towards Venezuela in these two years after the departure of Commander Chávez, has been a chaos.

Frankenstein Act

I have been informed that during these nine days, after I made some decisions to protect our country, decisions that are in keeping with the Vienna Convention-not the illegal decisions made by a government that believe they are the rulers of the world-, I do not know how many meeting they have held at the State Department, at the White House, and this Act you have passed, president Obama, declaring Venezuela a threat for the United States and declaring a national emergency in the United States; this Act you have passed, is a Frankenstein. It is a monster they were assembling or disassembling with the contribution of the Department of Treasure, the State Department, the CIA, the NCA, the

beaten-up Venezuelan right-wing. It is a monster, a Frankenstein with a totally schizophrenic message.

Venezuela is declared as a threat to the national security of the United States, an unusual and extraordinary threat and president Obama declares national emergency in the United States and at the end of the document he claims he wishes the best relations with the government of Venezuela. It is a monster, it is a Frankenstein, because eventually probably some doves in the State Department advised to put that line there just in case.

We will know how to defend ourselves. I knew what I was doing when I summoned Unasur and CELAC so that they became a protective ring of Venezuela. Unasur was here Friday, that for sure put the makers of that Act in despair. The writers of this aggressive and threatening Act, of this Frankenstein Act. We are witnessing a threat of the imperialistic government of the United States to peace, to sovereignty and the integrity of Venezuela.

It is another historical period

It is a Decree-Law of the United States. It is the biggest aggression ever of the United States against Venezuela in all their history that stems from despair. There is despair here, a lot of despair, impotency, because they refuse to understand the reality of the bolivarian and the revolutionary Venezuela, of the socialist and Chavist Venezuela. They do not admit we have a sovereign Constitution, made by the people, they do not want to admit there is a conscious people that seeks another reality that is building its independence.

They pretend to strike Venezuela, to destroy Venezuela as part of their mad and desperate plans, and then go after the rest of the revolutionary, patriotic and anti-imperialist processes y all Latin America and the Caribbean and re-

conquer and recolonize the territory they call the backyard which is Latin America and the Caribbean that has rebelled and gotten together in Unasur, in ALBA, in Celac. It is another historical period; commander Chávez used to say, it is a historical arm wrestle, and the tension gets its strongest intensity, it is arm wrestling, to be or not to be, either we are a free, independent and sovereign Latin America or not, and we become a colony again.

To be or not to be, the question has already been answered by the new leadership of our Commander Chávez which we are following together in this continent. Question that has already been answered, because we are determined to be and we already are independent, sovereign and strong countries that know how to defend ourselves in the diplomatic, political and any other dimension in which we have to defend ourselves and the dream of being.

We will prevail over this new aggression

Barack Obama has declared a national emergency in the United States, not to fight poverty, not to fight racism, not to solve the hardships the American people are going through, but to threaten and attack Venezuela, a country of peace, and independent country.

It is a sudden attack, it is rudeness, besides it is illegal in the face of the world, because the law in the United States is the Law for the United States, but not for the world, neither it is the Law on this land. Laws in Venezuela are passed by the National Assembly, the public authorities in Venezuela.

They really believe they can rule us. I think there is not one single Venezuelan, man or woman, who does not feel indignation because the imperial arrogance of the United States trying to rule this country. Beyond our differences there must not anyone who takes pride in someone from

another government, in this case the United States government, giving orders to our government, to our country, and purport to come and rule and to say what is legal and what is not.

I just tell our people that the history we have inherited is great and it is the basis of the force we are moving towards future. There will be no decree, no laws, aggressions, illegal and unjust threats from the government of the United States that can hinder the march of the Bolivarian Revolution of the national independence, of the construction of socialism.

I call for the union of all patriots, the civilian-military union, and the greatest force so that in Venezuela peace prevails. Our triumph will continue to be peace.

We have been through all kinds of tests, I tell you from the bottom of my heart, this test will be one of the greatest lessons of the moral power that the Venezuela of Bolívar and Chávez has. We will overcome it. We are going to win over this aggression, this threat of this test life puts us and our country to.

An imperial decoration

Here are the seven, worthy, honest and honorable Venezuelans that were in a most vicious, illegal and unjust way the object of this imperial decoration which the decree of sanctions.

I congratulated them, excuse me, but I think it is a decoration for a man or a woman who feel he or she is a worthy son or daughter of Bolívar and loves Venezuela, it is a decoration that must compel you to accomplish your duty, your work, your responsibility with more devotion, with love, with much more love.

It is about, I am going to greet them, a Venezuelan woman, a lawyer. I do not know her, I have met her here today, a

modest woman of Venezuela, a graduate from the Central University of Venezuela. As part of her professional functions, The Office of Public Prosecutions gives her different cases. She is now working on some cases that are vital for peace in our country. I had never seen her before. It is my first contact with her. For being an attorney. Attorney 20 at a national level at the Office of Public Prosecutions, she is working on some sensitive cases related to peace in the country, where some of the agents of the United States, who develop their political life in Venezuela, are involved, she has been threatened and they intend to sanction her. We are talking about Dr. Katherine Harrington Padrón.

Why do they do this? To intimidate the Office of Public Prosecutions of Venezuela. So that means we have to hand in all cases to the cases to the United States and they will tell who is guilty and who is innocent (...) then from the embassy of the United States they will be attorneys and judges in Venezuela. Nobody in the world can accept that. If I ever accepted that, I would become a coward, a traitor.

And I use more than first person, if we accepted as Venezuelans, men and women that our Office of Public Prosecutions, our Judicial Power, our State, our country were ruled from the embassies of the United States or the White House, we would not have the right to have ever existed, the endeavor of Bolívar, Sucre, Ezequiel Zamora, of Chávez, of so many generations, so many men and women, all that effort of our mothers, fathers, grandparents to build our country so that we feel proud of our country.

At the same time here are a group of officers, Venezuelan military, professionals too, trained at our Military Academies with a speckles service record, their families were called to threaten their wives and family from the Embassy of the United States. What country can accept that the Em-

bassy of the Unites States call the families of their officers to tell them they are going to sanction the family?

I also want to give them all my support as head of the State, as Commander in Chief of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces.

It is the case of Major General Antonio Benavides of the Bolivarian National Guard, a young leader, Bolivarian military and Chavist.

It is also de case of Major General Miguel Alcides Vivas Landino. In the case of General Benavides, he is the chief of the Region of Comprehensive Defense in the central part of the country, I saw them in the training and the exercises with the Militia. Benavides, now we must multiply the effort in the communities, in the streets to turn our country into a bulk ward so that nothing or anyone can touch it.

We also have the presence of the major General who used to be the chief of the Bolivarian National Guard. Today he is the worker-president of the Venezuelan Corporation of Guayana, Major General Justo Noguera Pietri.

Here is also comrade General Manuel Pérez Urdaneta national director of the National Bolivarian Police, a humble, working, disciplined and honest man. The honesty of those military with high ranks in the Republic.

There is also a young officer, he used to be the aide-de-camp of Commander Chávez for many years. No doubt Commander Chávez loved him as a son, he was the chief of the Presidential Guard. When I was hardly beginning this battle as President of the Republic. He is Brigadier General and also commander of armored infantry in our Bolivarian Armed Forces. He is General Manuel Bernal, worthy son of Commander Chávez.

A Bolivarian, a Chavist a convinced Christian, a man who sails the times, in the dream of Bolívar a man with

deep philosophical ideas, beliefs and visions. I know him very well, and I also learn to esteem him and love him as well as our Commander Chávez did. Thank you dear brother General Manuel Bernal, feel proud of this decoration the United States government has granted you.

At the same time the eldest officer of those who were decorated by the government of the United States, he is a man who also comes from many battles, he is the former General Commander of the Bolivarian National Militia, the last Commander appointed by Commander Chávez. He has accomplished a large number of missions, he is a working man, from the people, I would say sociable, humble family-loving, that is the way Bolivarians are, a working man round the clock and committed. He never rejects any task as difficult or hard as it may seem. He is Major General Gustavo Enrique González López.

I have decided to appoint General González López as Minister of Interior, Justice and Peace so that he goes with his American decoration to guarantee peace, citizen safety and national security.

A sacred land of liberators

The North American empire must never find us with our shields down. Never, in any field, neither in the diplomatic, Chancellor, nor political fields, Vice-presidents fields. We are defending the most sacred thing to defend, the sacred land of liberators, and this land cannot be touched by any insolent gringo.

We have to swear by our country that we are going to defend this sacred land, and this noble people of liberators, the people of Bolívar. Feel it in every cell of your bodies. Feel the love for this country.

We are a people of peace, we want peace, we want and

will always find peace. All roads must lead to peace. That is why we have to guarantee peace.

The imperialist from the North and their allies here must know the unaffordable price to pay if they ever put a marine on Venezuelan soil. Let that cost be unaffordable.

Touch your hearts, and tonight, before you go to bed, and tomorrow, early in the morning, when you get up see your eyes on the mirror, and see in that look the look of Chávez who left us this task and we are going to accomplish it at any cost, to defend integrity, sovereignty, peace, and to protect the beautiful Venezuelan people; to become undefeatable, so that nobody meddles with Venezuela.

I know we count with the support and love of the overwhelming majority of the governments in Latin America and the Caribbean, but there is something I want to express from the bottom of my soul, I know we have an immense support in Latin America and the Caribbean, by the peoples, by the governments, support and respect, but as I told somebody who said something about Venezuela 15 days ago, and I called him, I do not let any question go without an answer, that is Chávez school. We must answer any aggression coming from whoever comes.

Venezuela demands respect, great countries are built on great values, and the most important of all is courage, braveness, truth, to defend what has to be defended at any price, at the moment it has to be defended, not afterwards. And I told that person, something I will repeat here before I conclude, it is not the case, but I must repeat it, I say it with Bolívar and with Chávez. If the United States of America manages to impose they intrigue and threaten the people in this world and we were left alone, and, with the stick and the carrot, they managed to confuse some sectors and we were left alone, Venezuela alone would fight and prevail against

all odds if we were left alone in the world to defend this country, this history, this dignity.

This is the country that gave birth to the liberators of Latin America. That should known by those whose weakness get them confused. I do not accept a single comment about Venezuela, from anyone, that attacks our dignity of sovereignty.

Given this Act from the United States, to answer this threat and aggression, which has different angles, with the Council of State, the Council for the Defense of the Nation, the military headquarter, the Council of Vice presidents of Government, I have asked for some recommendations to preserve peace, defend sovereignty, to denounce through diplomatic and political channels at all instances this aggression from the United States to denounce the international illegality of this so-called decree. But at the same time, together with the General Prosecutor, Doctor Reinaldo Muñoz, I have made a special law giving me special powers to preserve peace and the integrity and sovereignty of the country before any circumstance this imperialist aggression may pose.

That is why tomorrow, at the National Assembly the Executive Vice-President will hand in to its president Diosdado Cabello Rondón, a request for an extraordinary and special Enabling Law to defend peace, sovereignty, safety and the integrity of our country.

I am going to request an anti-imperialist Enabling Law, so as to prepare for any scenario and in all of them prevail, prevail in peace.

The anti-imperialist manifesto

To conclude, I want to remind how 100 years ago history posed a dilemma to a humble man son of peasants in

Táchira, Cipriano Castro. He showed that we, humble men of this country have a special force, enough to face any circumstance.

When the schooners and war ships arrived at La Guaira, Cipriano Castro issued a manifesto and marked an era. He made a call to those who at that moment were his armed opposition, he opened the jails to free groups that up to that moment had fought in arms as it was usual at that time and all of them took up arms. Here in Caracas they organized militias, it was as if the spirits of Bolívar and Sucre had a presence, a fervor, so to say, a restless passion arose, it is Bolívar's people, they gathers by the thousands, there were not enough rifles for all, and the people looked for machetes, knives, rocks, whatever they could get to defend this sacred land.

And Cipriano Castro made a manifesto that traveled across Venezuela. I want to bring part of that manifesto, 1902, manifesto of General Cipriano Castro before a foreign blockade- just as they pretend to do today-: "Venezuelans, the insolent foreign foot has desecrated the sacred soil of our country something unusual in the history of civilized nations, unprecedented, without any possible justification, something barbaric, because it goes against the most elemental rights of the people, something ignoble, because it is the result of an immoral and coward conspiracy of force and treachery. It is what just happened at La Guaira harbor. A while ago the British and the German fleet took over by surprised in a simultaneous action three defenseless steamboats of or Fleet they were in a Dockyard to receive general repairs..."

"Venezuelans the duel is uneven because the attack has been consummated by the two most powerful countries in Europe, against this, our country which is barely recuperat-

ing after long and painful injuries and because it has been done in a treacherous way, because Venezuela could not expect such an unusual aggression, of course it had not preceded the forms of style in such cases; but justice in on our side -It is as if Cipriano Castro is talking to the present Venezuelans- and the God of nations that inspired Bolívar and the plead of heroes that accompanied him to the great deed of giving us, at the expense of big sacrifices, a Nation, Liberty and Independence will be the one who in these decisive moments in the life of our nationality inspires us in the struggle, encourages us in the sacrifice and assits us in the task, also great, of consolidating national independence..."

Cipriano Castro talks to us and demands from the depths of a pure Bolivarian conscience.

And at the end of this manifesto he makes a call you can read one, two three thousand times in history, in life and every time you will find a new source of inspiration: "Venezuelans, the sun of Carabobo illuminates the skies of our country again, and from its radiance deeds will stem like those of Las Queseras del Medio, sacrifices like those of Ricaurte, astonishing like those of the Pantano de Vargas, heroism like that of Ribas, and heroes like those that conforms the constellation of our big saga."

"Today by a fortunate coincidence, December 9th, we commemorate the classic date of the great decisive battle for the independence of South America: the Battle of Ayacucho. Let us plead for new Sucre who come to illustrate the glorious pages of our country's history. Cipriano Castro. Caracas, December 9th ,1902."

New Sucre, new Bolívars, new Chávez, new Luisas Cáceres de Arismendi will come. They will emerge from that saga of our country with only one destiny: the victory of Venezuela, the victory of peace, the defeat of U.S. imperialism.

Speech by President Nicolás Maduro in the request of the Anti-imperialist Enabling Law before the National Assembly

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“We are not an aggressive nation that interferes in the internal affairs of other peoples. The only time soldiers have gone out of this country has been to join the struggle against the Spanish empire and liberate our sister nations of South America... This is the people of liberators. This is the people of Simón Bolívar, this is the sacred land that can never be touched by a foreign boot, by the imperialist boot, and we must guarantee it with our own lives if necessary. Venezuela demands respect!”

Nicolás Maduro Moros



I want to thank, Deputy Diosdado Cabello, the kindness of the National Assembly of accepting this official, institutional visit to the Parliament in its own Hemicycle of sessions, of debate and permanent work, to hand in, personally, assuming all responsibility, this constitutional request of a Enabling Law granting me enough power to defend peace, sovereignty and the full development of Venezuela before the threat by the government of the United States; an anti-imperialist Enabling Law. This is the second Enabling Law I come to request on the basis of the Constitution and the national need.

This Enabling Law emerged as a need to have constitutional powers that allow me to move in the complex scenario that has opened for Venezuela. Today I have talked with presidents of Latin America and the Caribbean, and I can summarize in a word or two the feeling that moves around Latin America, the Caribbean and the world in respect to the Act passed by president Barack Obama against Venezuela.

In the first place it is a feeling of disbelief. Nobody can believe Venezuela poses a threat to the United States of America, and they cannot believe it because it is false. Venezuela is not and will never be a threat to the United States or to any other nation in the world, because we are a noble people, peaceful, pacifist, a democratic people, humanist, a people that has an international policy that seeks understanding, coexistence, peace in our region and in the world, because our people leads the struggle for integration, unity, peace and independence.

A second feeling is indignation and as a result of it rejection. There is an unanimous and general rejection in the world to the Act passed by the imperialist government of Barack Obama; this includes important sectors of opinion in

the States of North America, as intellectuals, trade unionists, congressmen, afro descendants, Latin brothers and sisters, social movements, communities, who every time more begin to express they opinion and make a call for peace.

Disbelief, indignation. That was the first thing we felt when we heard about this aberration. It is a historical aberration; it cannot be called any other way.

History talks

Did you know that this conflict of the emergence and existence of an empire in North America has more than 200 years? In the United States of North America the independence from the British metropolis moved in the same direction and dynamics in which emerged the idea of building a new imperial state, now in American territory.

It is history that talks and teaches us all about the emergence of the 13 independent colonies around the Delaware River, Philadelphia, the present territory of Washington, Boston, Baltimore and New York, which got their independence in a small space which is maybe the size of what Venezuela is today or even less., and all the institutions that rebelled against the British empire were conformed with the same ideology of imperial greatness and domination, each institution: the U.S. Army and its concept, the North American State and its concept: The United States of America, enough material in speeches and theses of the founders of the United States formulating the concept of what the United States should have been as the center that grouped all the states and territories that emerged out of what America was by then.

And the concept of the Manifest destiny, according to whose theses positioned the elite that founded the United States which would rule America and the world by the

Manifest Destiny. Afterwards came the thesis of James Monroe, America for the American and the attitude the North American elite had against our independence. That is the historical truth.

Today's conflicts are nothing but the manifestation of a history that has marked the times for 200 years with the prophetic words of Simón Bolívar when the third Bolivarian Republic was beginning there on the Orinoco, in Angostura, when the troops of our grandparents captured to ships full of weapons coming from the United States to support the Spanish troops, while the envoys of Simón Bolívar to get gun Powder and ammunition in the United States were captured, judged and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.

Those who ruled the United States empire always regarded the independence of South America as a threat to their imperial appetite of seizing our lands and wealth as part of the Manifest Destiny. It is not new they consider us a threat. Bolívar was chased, marked, diplomatists were sent-already trained in the concept of their British- to intrigue in all capitals where they were fighting for freedom and the independence of the South. Down to Buenos Aires, Chile and Mexico got the envoys to talk evil of the "Libertador", to dub him as the "mad man from the South" they called different names the person who led the greatest deed of freedom ever in the history of our America.

From this land, from this mixture of people has emerged a magical and spiritual force which neither the Spanish nor the gringos were able to understand when Spain was empire, let alone this one. They will never be able to understand from the North this force that moves us, which carries us away, this passion, this love, this dream that has completed several stages in our history. They will never be able to understand, those who conspire and conjure to share our

wealth and intend to threaten us to get us down to our knees, The Libertador did not kneel down when he had to face the threats of Irving, the Washington's envoy, nor will we kneel down before this arrogant empire that attacks and threatens the whole Venezuela.

One of the virtues of our commander Hugo Chávez, undoubtedly, was to rescue the history of our country and turn history into a living force of thrust towards future; he made the Venezuelans, men and women, feel proud of our history, of Bolívar, of Guaicaipuro, of Sucre, of the tricolor flag, of the 8 stars, of the coat of arms, of the untamable horse galloping towards a future of freedom. He made us all proud; he rediscovered our country, its symbols, its history and its greatness. That is why to request this Enabling Law, I believe it is necessary to open a debate about our history, stimulate it at all levels, to propose a high-level debate about history, about the present and the future.

We will continue the electoral way

When Commander Hugo Chávez and the Bolivarians decided to follow the electoral and pacific way we meant it and it was forever; that message was conveyed to those garrisons where the military youth was boiling. It was not one or two, but hundreds, because Chávez was a great leader who picked up the military leadership of the country and the political and civil leadership, an unprecedented fact in history, maybe since Bolívar and Zamora, a real leadership building democratic, protagonist and participative processes.

We got into that way and we will continue the political, electoral, popular, constitutional, humane way. Nobody ever will make us change.

I have said it, I pray to god for protection; if extraordinary events that shook our country ever took place, I being

alive or not, the order is that rain or shines this year we have parliamentary elections whether the empire likes it or not. We will go to parliamentary elections and let the people decide what will happen in this country; we will go with the same integrity, if we win, we win; if we lose, we lose, Democracy, peace and Constitution, that is what we want!. Set, let everyone present his name, his proposal and let the people of Venezuela decide.

Indeed the Commander fulfilled everything he said. For sure if we made a critical and self-critical analysis of these 16 years of Revolution, we will see many things that were not done or are still to be done or were done wrong. Welcome to critics and self-critics, welcome if it is collective or individual. What was the name of the king of critics and self-critics? Who taught this people that democracy is to exercise its right to freedom, to opinion, to critics, to self-critics, to proposal, to construction?

Was there any president or national leader, before Chávez who urged the people to critics and self-critics, to street demonstrations, to fight in the streets?

Chávez accomplished, we accomplished. I must say the when I say we accomplished I am referring to the men and women who have accompanied this project of a Country. We took that road and we meant it; and that is the call I make here, taking the electoral way, a political electoral way of construction of ideas, masses independent from empires, embassies; to take the road of constructing ideas for the country; a loyal road of struggle; it is the only way to try to have some kind of success in the future, it is the only way, and besides a constitutional way.

Facing the threat

That is why I have come to request an Enabling Law to face aggression and the threat of the most powerful country in

the world, the United States of North America against this beautiful Venezuelan country, humble, but worthy, I have come to request and anti-imperialist Enabling Law to defend sovereignty, the right to peace, the right to prosperity, to defend Venezuela; it is a law to defend our country against the threat, to maintain democracy and liberties.

And to accomplish that, our road is peace; I want to seem neither dramatic nor extremist. Yesterday you could see the preliminary analysis about this most serious Act passed by president Obama. It is the first time in history that such an Act is passed about Venezuela coming from a power of that caliber. It is the first time in a history of 200 years. It can only be compared in a certain way to the naval blockade in 1902 against president Cipriano Castro and Venezuela. There is no other comparison.

The Act and the military action of the U.S.A.

I say it with absolute presence of mind, every place against which the United States has activated this Act has witnessed a military invasion. They did it in Nicaragua in 1985, in Panama in 1990, in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Lybia. Every time the activated his Act, they activated their military force, always finding the opportunity, the detonator. That is the way it has been in history for the last 100 years.

How did they enter the so-called Cuban-American-Spanish war? They blew up a ship called Maine in 1898. Afterwards, historical documents showed the United States made the Maine blow up and launched a press campaign inside the United States so that the population supported going to war to seize Cuba, and afterwards they imposed the Platt Amendment to Cuba and frustrated the victory of the mambises (guerrilla fighters), patriots José Martí had organized before being killed in

battle, a great Bolivarian and apostle of Cuban and Latin American freedom.

How did they enter the Viet Nam war? Through a self-inflicted provocation, too. How did they invade Panama? They assassinated two U.S soldiers and very early that day, they came and bombed the El Chorrillo neighborhood. Many of you know Panama very well, since you go there frequently, I recommend you go to El Chorrillo neighborhood; I was there once during an OAS Conference in 2006 and I cried with the people of El Chorrillo in private, three thousand people killed there were in El Chorrillo, unforgettable massacre against the Panamanian people.

How did they get into Grenada? The revolutionary forced divided, killed Maurice Rupert Bishop- who knows if it was someone infiltrated by the CIA who did it- and to a sister nation that borders the Caribbean Eastern region, they sent 20 000 marines and massacred almost half of its population.

How did they get into Iraq? They invented Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, and today we know, because there are enough documents and information, that it was a false-positive set up by the CIA, and that the spokespersons of the government were ashamed to say it, because they knew it was a lie. What was the outcome? A million killed in Iraq.

What did they do in Lybia? We said it here in this very Assembly. I remember I was sitting here as Chancellor of Commander Chávez, who told me: They have just started the bombing on Lybia, denounce it. So, as we were here discussing, one of you asked me a question, I think it was a deputy from the state of Anzoátegui, which I answered passionately and then I explained what was going on in Lybia. Unfortunately, everything we said happened, more than 60 000 bombing air raids, and more than 200 000 killed. What



Anti-imperialist speeches by President

is Libya today? After having the biggest economic and social development, highest levels of literacy, nourishment, health, stability; now Libya is broken into four pieces. There are two governments, two parliaments. Libya is governed by Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. Who sponsored Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State so that they overthrew Muamar Kaddafi? The United States of North America.

The biggest threat

Now they want to apply the Libyan model to a country that wants democracy, peace, debate of ideas, prosperity, a country that has had 19 elections in 15 years, and this year we are going to have number 20; a country that has a sacred Constitution that has been the result of public debate and a constitutional referendum. I have enough information and I do not have to say another word, maybe I should have to say fewer words to the Venezuelan fathers and mother that are listening to me, and to the grandmothers and grandfathers to the youth that is listening to me, to the women who feel the country in their children, in their dreams, to workers, to professionals, to entrepreneurs, I address all of you. The aggression and threat from the United States is the biggest threat the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, our country has ever received, and it should be responded by the unity of all our country and our entire Nation by national unity, to close ranks as one fist of men and women who want peace and independence.

I call upon the whole country beyond ideological and political differences. I make the deepest and sincerest call to Venezuela and to the Bolivarian National Armed Forces which are an example of discipline, cohesion, strategic concept, doctrine and operative capacity.

I have ordered, in the context of the plan of military exercises, 2015, to carry out a special defensive military exer-

cise next Saturday, March 14th, I invite all the people of Venezuela in all the states and regions to join in and support the Armed forces and the National Militia in this necessary exercise to mark defensive points so that our country can never be touched by anyone, cannot be touched by the Yankee boot ever.

Venezuela has to be prepared because it is not and will never be Lybia, or Iraq. No, Venezuela is Venezuela, is South America, a territory of peace and it must be preserved as a territory of peace.

I assume all the responsibility of protecting my country, our country from threats. We have seven Strategic Regions of Special Defense (Sp. REDI). We have 24 Zones of Comprehensive Defense (Sp. ZODI) and the Areas of Comprehensive Defense.

We have been developing the strategic concept of all-the-people's war in details. The weak are not respected by anyone in this world, they are not.

We are not an aggressive nation

We are not an aggressive nation that interferes in the internal affairs of other peoples. The only time soldiers have gone out of this country has been to join the struggle against the Spanish empire and liberate our sister nations of South America to give them back their lands and their countries, so that they found a Republic as they did 200 years ago. That is the only time.

Our Army and our Armed Forces do not have an imperialistic concept, aggressive; our concept is predominantly defensive, it is in the Constitution, it is in the Organic Law of the Armed forces; it is in the strategic concept, it is in the Bolivarian doctrine. Besides, our Commander Chávez advanced the plan to have an Armed Force really armed, with

modern weapons, updated, properly used, state of the arts. To defend, what? Our wealth. To defend, what? Our land. To defend, what? Our peace, our people. As simple as that.

This is the people of liberators. This is the people of Simón Bolívar, this is the sacred land that can never be touched by a foreign boot, by the imperialist boot, and we must guarantee it with our own lives if necessary. Venezuela demands respect.

Armoring the country

Any problem our country has, is our business; we have discussed that here at the National assembly, and it can be discussed a thousand times, you should invite the ministers to that debate and many others Do they want to talk about social index? Let us talk about it. Do they want to talk about economic index? Let us talk about it. Do they want to talk about the political model? Let us talk about it. Do they want to talk about human right and the bunch of lies invented by CNN? Let us talk about it.

They are internal affairs of Venezuela. It is a shameless disproportion to declare Venezuela as a threat to the United States and declare a state of national emergency. A national emergency is declared due to serious circumstances. Never in this Constitution has the state of exception been declared, for instance, in spite of the coup d' État, sabotage, it has never been activated.

I think we would only activate that in case of war, or a great commotion due to a military aggression by the United States. It would be the only reason, perhaps. I say perhaps, because with the Enabling Law, we are going to perfect the Venezuelan Judicial System, so that we do not need to activate the state of exception and we can protect our territory, strengthen our Armed Forces and the defensive capacity

of our people, prepare our economy, our finances, and our commerce against any variant of blockade the United States imposes on us, because they have prepared it.

An Enabling Law to armor the country against fifth columns that do the work of weakening the country from inside to justify an aggression against Venezuela. There are Venezuelans asking for an invasion, asking for a blockade on Venezuela. They exist; they make statements, the twit every day, all the time. And where are they going to hide? Oh! That is easy, the ones in Miami or New York can do whatever they please, and they lobby every day, promote invasion, promote a blockade.

Violation of Human Rights in the U.S.A.

Besides, what morality does the government of the United States have to talk about human rights when a young Afro-American is assassinated every day just for being black or Latin? Here I have some pictures that the Foreign Office gave me. Do you remember? This is the most important, there are dozens of cases, for instance, the case of Eric Garner, assassinated on July 7th Remember? A stout young man who was assassinated on the floor and the case remains unpunished.

Ah! Due to these cases Latin America would have to declare national emergency for the threat the United States poses for the black Latin population!

Here we have other cases, the famous case of Michael Brown (shows the picture) that went unpunished in Ferguson and, what does president Obama do? What does the government of the United States do? Here is the case of the young man Vonderrit Myers (shows the picture) and Afro-American young man assassinated on October 8th 2004, 18 years old, shot to death, 17 shots by a group of

policemen in S. Louis, Missouri. From Ferguson to Missouri to Atlanta.

Here is the case of this 12-year-old boy, Timer Riers (shows the picture) painful, very painful, from Cleveland, Ohio. What morality do they have to talk about human rights when they violate the rights of their own people in a most indiscriminate and brutal way?

Here is Antonio Zambrano Montes, a Latin American brother, a Mexican immigrant who was assassinated, persecuted and shot, the worst you can do with an animal on the U.S – Mexican border, and as Antonio Zambrano hundreds of Colombians, Salvadorians, Guatemalans and Mexicans are assassinated on the border every day.

This is the case of the Afro-American student Anthony Robinson assassinated last March 5th in Wisconsin. This assassination has shaken the American society in the last few days, and the assassinations and persecutions do not stop, but increase. Can the government of the United States talk about human rights and declare Venezuela a threat due to human rights, No, it cannot.

The same thing happens with the victims of fracking and the violation of children's human rights. I am bringing specific and serious cases that are necessary to refresh and nourish our consciousness. Do you know how many children were deported a week ago who were in concentration camps in the United States 7 706 children, but CNN does not say a word about it. Do you know how many children they have at the concentration camps waiting to be deported? 62 363, children, and look at how they are, here I have a picture of one of the concentration camps in Texas. This is the truth of the human rights, there are the 7 706 and they have 62 363 more at concentration camps toddlers 5, 7 and 8 years old. Where are the entrails of the ones who see this?

Here is another picture of the children where you can see how the sleep, they are kept kidnapped away from their mothers and fathers. What is happening on the border of the United States is a real human tragedy, so they come to us to talk about human rights, those who are the champions of violation of human rights.

The only threat against the United States is in Washington. They are the lobbies of war, the politicians, and pseudo-politicians who could not care less about healthcare, housing, education and the lives of their people; they are the racists who have the power in the Congress to despise the immigrants, persecute and murder them and to have concentration camps of children. That is the truth that Venezuela tell with its free voice, with my free voice which no one ever will silence with Acts or threats or anything. It is the truth, and with the truth- as the Oriental leader used to say- I neither offend nor fear.

The Heating Oil light

Violation of human rights and threat before the abandonment of Obama's government and all the institutions, the factual truth is that the only one who ever lit a light of solidarity to the people of the United States was Commander Chávez, and I keep it lit with the program of Heating Oil of CITGO that covers thousands of families. This heating program assisted 153 000 houses, 1 800 000 people in the period 2005-2014. Had it not been for Chávez, for Venezuela and for Heating Oil a large number of those thousands of people would be dead by now, because they would have frozen to death because of an indolent state.

Let the world see us united

Then, honorable deputies. Can we accept that Venezuela is considered to be a threat by the United States? I expect a lot from this National Assembly, not only the passage of this Enabling Law- as I am sure is going to happen- to defend sovereignty and peace in our country, this anti-imperialist Enabling Law, but much more. I expect the world sees us united in the defense of the right to peace. I expect the world to see us united in the National Assembly and beyond.

And I say it early, I pray to God they do not see this horrible reality when it be too late, I pray to God to shed his light upon all of you and our entire country. I am fully convinced that we will win, as we have won other battles, this Venezuelan, Latin American, and Caribbean battle for the defense of Venezuela, of our independence, of our peace. I am certain that the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean are increasing their consciousness even more.

It is not about the sanctions against seven people, a fact that alone, would be enough to raise passion, with energy and national unity, it is about the fact the United States has made the most serious statement against Venezuela and it is an unjust, unjustified, nefarious, threatening and dangerous statement, and Venezuela has to stand tall and react as only one man, as only one woman, a only one people, and react with the truth of all of us together.

Three points to come to an agreement

I would like to see this National Assembly- I truly request it as the Head of the State- to issue a national and public official notice to be read by everyone, where we reject Venezuela being declared a threat to the United States, an idea. Secondly a document in which the Assembly urges president Obama to repeal that Act that threatens with a military aggression to

Venezuela and a blockade. I consider all Venezuelans who believe and bet on peace and integrity could agree on those two points. In the third place that they do not interfere in affairs that only concern to Venezuelans. Three points.

Now, ultimately, those affairs are dealt with here and not in Washington; the votes will be of the woman from Maracaibo, the man from San Felipe, the fisherman from Cumaná, the worker from Valencia, the sportsman from Katia, the women from Propatria. They are the ones who are going to vote, they are men and women from here, and not from Washington.

An agreement to recognize the results

And I could say here today that if you produced a document stating that we are going to recognize the results of the parliamentary elections, I would sign it here without hesitation. I wonder: Would all the ones who are here today sign it? We are ready to recognize the results whatever they may be. We have stated in 2004, in 2005, in 2006, in 2007, in 2008, in 2009, in 2010, in 2011, in 2012, in 2013, in 2014 and in 2015 we state it again.

It would be good to agree with the President of the Electoral Power so that all the parties go and sign a document recognizing in advance the electoral results presented by the National Electoral Council which expresses the people's will. Are they ready to do it? I am ready to sign it now, let us do it.

The highest dignity possible

I call for the highest dignity possible; I call for a nationalization of politics, to dignify it, to raise it, to break the ties of all forms of influence and domination. It takes a lot of effort, a lot of work to do that. It takes this National Assembly to raise and give an example. I trust in you and I think Venezuela deserves it.

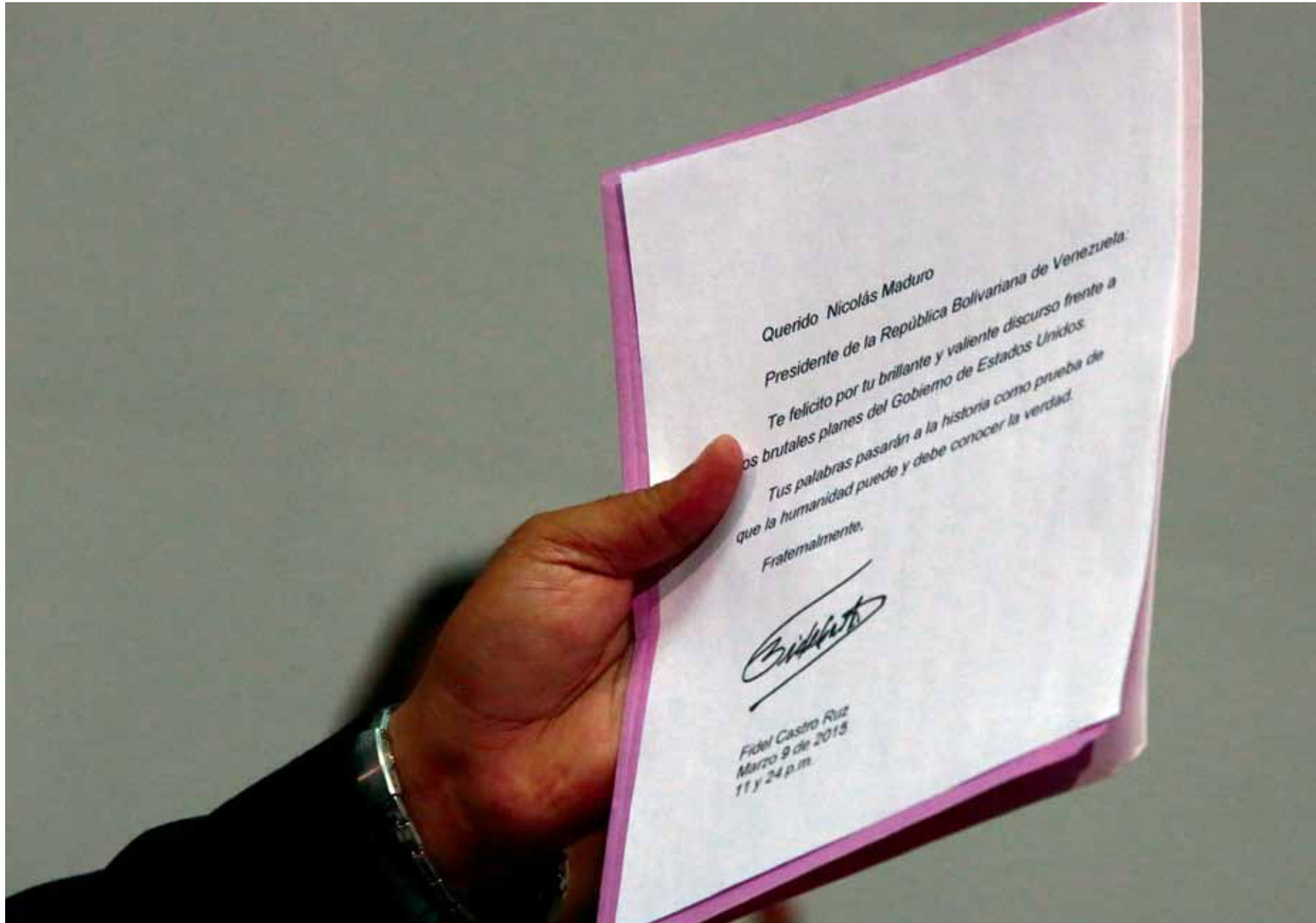
I would not have come to tell this message, if I were not convinced we are facing a big threat, I would not have given orders to activate the deployment of all the defensive plans of Venezuela the way we know – modestly and with the support of the people, if we were not facing a big threat.

And the only way to back that threat off is with national unity and it is only with the support of the peoples of Latin America, the Caribbean and the world that we can win the battle for peace again, without a bomb being dropped or a bullet being shot, through law, diplomacy, politics and intelligence; let intelligence, wisdom; international right and a diplomacy of peace prevail.

Confidence in the people

In decisive moments Venezuela has always counted on the presence of patriots, of the humblest. The people are the ones with the clearest ideas, with their historical instinct of what should be done in every circumstance. I have confidence in the people of Venezuela, in you, working men and women, in you, students, in the men and women from the neighborhoods, from the fields, the factories. I have confidence in you so that with the biggest union we can get, the biggest mobilization of conscience we can manage to attain, with the support of Latin America and the Caribbean, we can dismantle, back off and defeat the Act that declares Venezuela a threat against the United States, besides the aggression and threat from the U.S. empire against the Country of Bolívar, against the Country of Hugo Chávez.

I have confidence in history, I have confidence in the people, and I know we are going to prevail over these difficulties, as well. We are the people of difficulties, we are a people of winners. Destiny is written, peace, peace and more peace.



President Maduro shows the letter of support from the revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.



President Maduro tells the deputies the need to unite before a new imperialist aggression, March 10th, 2015.

Report of President Nicolás Maduro on the “Bolivarian Shield, 2015” Military Maneuvers

Ministry of the People's Power for the Defense,
Caracas, March 14th 2015

“Today we have an Armed Force which constitutes the biggest guarantee of peace. It is not an Armed force with an imperialistic concept, interventionist. It is an Armed Force with a protective concept, to protect our territorial integrity, to protect our people, to protect the institutions, to accomplish the constitutional mandate of protecting our country”

Nicolás Maduro Moros

We are at the Operational Strategic Headquarters of our Bolivarian National Armed Forces, bringing the greetings and love of all the Venezuelan people.

Now I am with the all the Joint Chiefs of Staff of our National Armed Forces on a video conference with all the commanders of the seven Regions of Comprehensive Defense (REDI) of our Bolivarian National Armed Forces, and the Chiefs of Staff of (REDI), who have had an intense working day, which demands a lot of effort, deployment, articulation and coordination of our Bolivarian National Armed Forces what leads me to see this is a successful start of our Bolivarian Shields, 2015 Maneuvers which have started today, Saturday 14th until Saturday March 28th , two weeks of deployment of all the defensive capacity of our country in the new military concept of a genuine, national, nationalist and patriotic Bolivarian military thought that stems, as you know, from the glorious roots of the history of our country.

Our thought, our concept, our doctrine now, dear brothers and sister of our Bolivarian National Armed Forces and of the Venezuelan people, were conceived under the military leadership of that statesman and great Bolivarian leader, our Supreme Commander, Hugo Chávez, who did not plow the sea.

Our Commander conceived fundamental institutions for life in the XXI century, and one of them is the Bolivarian National Armed Force, the strategic concept for the defense of the Country and the new doctrines, the new strategic concepts based on experience, in the thought of our country founded by Bolívar. And our Armed Forces have not wasted time. During these years it has devoted, in all its centers of studies, in all its centers of military thought, in all its training centers, at the Bolivarian Military University, at the academies, at the Operational Strategic Command- a creation of

or Commander Hugo Chávez-, and in the new organization our Armed Forces have devoted to working on the concept as well as on the knowledge, the theory, the plans, the strategy, that tactics, as the forces which have been deployed, as has happened today.

An example of professionalism and morality

I want to congratulate all the soldiers, men and women, of the Venezuelan Country who have given today an immense example of professionalism of skills, but above all of morality and love for our Country, for our people. Congratulations to every one of them.

Today we have an Armed Force which constitutes the biggest guarantee of peace. It is not an Armed force with an imperialistic concept, interventionist. It is an Armed Force with a protective concept, to protect our territorial integrity, to protect our people, to protect the institutions, to accomplish the constitutional mandate of protecting our country. It is a new protective concept. It is an strategic concept of a defensive character, but which has a great capacity adding the people and all the capacity of armed and non-armed struggle of the Armed Forces, to guarantee that our Country stays on is road to development and prosperity.

It is an Armed Force first of all of peace, we are defenders of peace, and we must assume it that way, and we pray to God for peace in Venezuela, but if one day the insolent foreign imperialist boot dares touch the sacred soil of Venezuela, that day we would have to fight for the dignity of our land, we would do it for peace, sovereignty and integrity. The morality of our Armed Forces overflows and touches the entire country. There is a deep vibrancy in the national being, there are great changes going on in the collective psyche, in morality, in the ethics of our people, because we are living a

special moment in our history.

Two models of the world

There are two models of the world: the decadent model of the past, of those who pretend to be owners and masters of the world (...) and the model of those who strive, fight and believe in a world of equals, a planet of equals, a pluripolar and multicentric world, without hegemonies, without threats. A world where there is not a single hegemony that believes it is the ruler, and believe it is the power of the world.

They are two models, and Venezuela has taken sides openly and overwhelmingly with the model of a pluripolar, multicentric world, without hegemonies, without empires. A world of equals, of respect.

The civil-military unity strengthens with that faith in a world we have been defending since Bolívar's times. Aquí está Bolívar. Here is this book that should be read by all the military chiefs in our Country: “Bolívar, precursor thought of anti-imperialism”. I have ordered the printing of three million copies and all the militaries chiefs in our Country at all levels, from the General in Chief up to the last lieutenant should study, because it is wonderful.

We are defending the just and humanistic thought of our Libertador Simón Bolívar when he speaks of the equilibrium of the universe.

The Commander did not plow the sea

I want to inform all Venezuela that at the same time our people was deploying today in a civic –military union a new example of a new world was taking place. Our Commander Chávez did not plow the sea. We have an Armed Force that loves and defends our people. Now we do have an Armed Force that protects our people and our Country. Our Com-

mander Chávez did not plow the sea, he did not. He sowed and created a brave, determined people, organized. A people we saw in the streets greeting and loving its Armed Force.

And our Commander did not plow the sea. He left us ALBA, Unasur, Celac. He left us a world that admires Venezuela.

Today there was a meeting of the Council of Chancellors of Unasur at the center of the world, exactly in Quito, at the center of the world, at the Unasur Head Office and an absolute support to Venezuela was unanimously agreed and the rejection to the Executive Order that threatens our Country from the United States.

I am totally convinced that those statements of Unasur passed by unanimous vote of the governments are the expression of the people of South America., it is the expression of what the original peoples think, the peasants , the workers, the students, the teachers, the professionals, the entrepreneurs. I am sure the entire South America rejects the threat of the Unites States against the Country of Bolívar. Hours of history, times of history we are living; let us live them properly, with love, serenity and wisdom, and let us construct, because at this moment we are rowing hard, with the arms of South America, towards a new world.

Unasur's peace doctrine

I want to say it here, I told Ernesto Samper, Secretary General of Unasur, some minutes ago, before I enter this working session: congratulations Secretary General. I told Chancellor Delcy Rodríguez: congratulations Chancellor, convey our thankfulness to all the governments of South America, because with the resolutions Unasur has passed today, they are building the doctrine of peace of South America, there is a new doctrine of the diplomacy of peace coming from

South America, Unasur's peace doctrine.

We are beginning to construct a new doctrine that rejects the unilateral attempt to apply sanctions or to threat countries with the use of economic, political, financial or military force.

I call upon all analysts to study, paragraph by paragraph, this wonderful document, the result of a debate, not free from differences, opinions, but where there was not a millimeter of difference when it came to defending Venezuela. Let Venezuela know that we count on South America to defend our peace, or independence.

At the same time a second announcement was passed concerning the continuation of the political dialogue in Venezuela. The member states of Unasur renovated the mandate contained in the Resolution 02-2014(a year now) about the Commission of Chancellors to continue accompanying, with the support of the Secretary General a most- inclusive political dialogue with all the democratic forces in Venezuela, observing full respect for the constitutional order, human rights and democracy.

The member states of Unasur express that the internal situation in Venezuela must be solved by the democratic instruments established by the Venezuelan Constitution. The state members of Unasur express their support to the forthcoming parliamentary elections, convinced of the importance of keeping the constitutional order and democracy together with the respect of all human rights which constitute fundamental principles of Unasur. Middle of the world, Quito, March 14th ,2015.

Elections are not the problem

I was telling Secretary General Ernesto Samper that the problem in Venezuela are not the elections. The problem in

Venezuela is not is not lack of elections or democracy. The problem is that there is an imperial power trying to seize the Oil and the wealth of Venezuela and break Venezuela in order to break the process of a new era of resurrection of Latin America and the Caribbean, the backyard of those who rule in the United States. Yesterday, the Secretary of State John Kerry and the Chief of the South Command, General Kelly said it, beyond the indignation we may feel about what they say.

Last year the Government of the United States issued 105 official notes about Venezuela along the year(...) this year in just two and a half months, they have issued 150 official notes, including the nefarious executive decree of President Obama.

That is why I was telling president Samper that in Venezuela the problem is not elections. What country in the world has done 19 elections in 15 years? And with the forthcoming election 20, and next year 21 and the next 22,23. When the Revolution is 20 years old in 2019 it will have done 24 elections, all by the Constitution, despite they have wanted to sabotage them. That is why we celebrate, first the Unasur defends the identity and independence of Venezuela and second, we will have elections.

We have invited Unasur to come as participants in keeping with the electoral norms established by the electoral power which is an autonomous power in Venezuela first to the primary elections of the opposition. We have also invited them to participate, according to internal electoral norms, in the elections of some revolutionary forces.

And, when the electoral Power sets the date for the elections, Unasur will be here first, as we have always want them to be.

So, thank you very much to all the governments in the continent for all the expressions of support and solidarity

with our Bolivarian Country they have pronounced on this day of history.

An operation of peace

“Bolivarian Shield,2015”, an operation of peace, unity and integration. It is an operation so that the world knows that Venezuela wants peace and that we are ready to defend it.

I want to tell the Armed Forces with deep feelings and emotions, on behalf of all our people which has fought for its new independence for many generations, I want to tell you our people feels deeply proud of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces that we have today. We have a proud and active Armed Force that corresponds to the Country we are building.

And I urge all our people, all Venezuela to continue embracing, applauding and accompanying our Armed Force, to join during these 15 days, up to March 28th, all this operation which aims at perfecting the operational system so that our country moves along the roads it may tread with independence, self-determination and looking for social happiness, the complete realization of the human being and the construction of a new society.

The crossroads, a key moment of history

These roads, the crossroads we have to face are not new. These crossroads of two model, two worlds, when the human being has to make decisions, I am either a slave or a free man, we are either slaves or a free peoples

There comes a time in history in which you have to make a decision, I am either with Venezuela or with the Government of the United States, I am with my beloved Country, despite the differences we may have or I am with those who want to see it down to its knees, colonized and plundered. It

is a key moment of history in which something inside shakes, something, intangible, but we all have it. It is the national soul, the national being, and Venezuela has got a lot of soul and spirit. A lot of national being forged in battle. Nobody granted us our identity, our grandparents had to conquer it and took it to the highest summit ever known in history when they came to Ayacucho and defeated the troops of the Spanish king and expelled their last soldier out of South American soil.

That is why I wanted to open the doors of these working spaces, of dignity, of absolute honesty that are the spaces of our Bolivarian National Armed Force to thank every one of you, to thank Unasur its historical statement today and invite you to go together people and Armed Force to this special operation Bolivarian Shield,2015, and let what is our only and authentic victory triumph. The victory of Venezuela is and will always be peace . National unity and the prevalence of the Country of Bolívar and Hugo Chávez.

Good night Venezuela, may God bless our Country. We will keep on this battle and these victories.

Handing over of the Anti-imperialist Enabling Law to President Nicolás Maduro by the president of the National Assembly

Palacio de Miraflores,
Caracas, March 15th, 2015

“Either we are with the glorious ideas of the united and independent Country of our Simón Bolívar, or with the most macabre ideas of the imperialist Monroism of the United states. It is time of definitions and, on a clear decision, to march together. I insist on my call to national unity. We have to get, with national unity, with the pressure of the peoples in the world and with the support of the North American people president Barack Hussein Obama to repeal the decree that threatens Venezuela and to stop their threats and aggressions against the Country of Bolívar”

Nicolás Maduro Moros



Today, March 15th, 2015. At this hour, two years ago, the people of Venezuela bid the last farewell to a hero of the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples in the South. A day like today, two years ago, we took on a river of love and people, our eternal commander Hugo Chávez to his last resting place in el Cuartel de la Montaña (the Mountain's Garrison).

This big mass rally was first conceived as a big anti-imperialist march way back before the shameful steps taken by Obama against Venezuela, but since this day coincided with the two years of the departure of our eternal leader and Supreme Commander of the Bolivarian Revolution, and the discussion of the Enabling Law to defend sovereignty and peace, we decided to summon the people of Venezuela to a big mass rally here in front of the People's Palace.

Venezuela a moral power

They may have the power of the mass media, they may have the power of dollars, and they may have criminal military force, but we are a power in something they will never be able to have, we are a moral power, the morality of liberators, the morality of Bolívar, the morality of a people that conquered its liberty and has managed to defend it against all odds in all the history we have lived.

The first victory

And the first victory we have attained against the crazy decree of president Obama, hardly six days after the infamous decree was issued by which they declare Venezuela as a threat to the United States and proclaim a national emergency in all North American Territory because the people of Venezuela poses a threat to them, I can say it here March 15th, two years after we bid farewell to our Commander Chávez,

we are obtaining some moral, political, diplomatic victories, the great mobilization of our people is our first victory. The support from the governments and peoples of the world is a great victory in the start.

I know this has arisen a big commotion, a great indignation in the national conscience. I know this has awoken a great nationalist, bolivarian, patriotic and anti-imperialist conscience in all Venezuela, in Latin America, in the Caribbean and beyond, in the world.

Closing ranks with Venezuela

The government of the United States has performed the most shameful, repugnant and aggressive act we can remember in the history of 200 years since Venezuela was first called by that name and since the Country was liberated by Simón Bolívar, that is why I went to the National Assembly appealing to the conscience of most of the deputies, men and women from the patriotic, anti-imperialist and socialist bench of the Patriotic Coalition and also being confident that someone from the opposition for the first time in 16 years and Would say Long live Venezuela! Respect Venezuela! Out of all the opposition only one voice, the one Deputy Diosdado Cabello just mentioned, that young man who went to the street in the ranks of the opposition and has analyze this matter and, being in the opposition he has said: first Venezuela! Respect Venezuela! Thanks to all the deputies who has voted this wonderful Enabling Law that grants me enough power to defend the peace, the sovereignty and the integrity of the Country of Bolívar.

I am really very sorry the voices from the right-wing are so scarce. I am very sorry all the political leader of the opposition are backing up Obama in his aggression to Venezuela, because who says nothing agrees, there has been an opposi-

tion that has assume the attitude of an accomplice before this decision that attacks all Venezuela and have tried to accommodate their speech, but this is no time for maneuvers, for manipulations. It is a great moment in history and I feel most of the people see it this way. It is the time to close ranks with Venezuela. Either you are with Venezuela or you are with the Yankee empire. It is not the time of double standards, of hypocrisy.

Impressive mobilization

While the people of Chávez, the people of Bolívar is aware in the street making revolution, Chávez will always be alive and be part of their struggle, fighting, walking, shouting the mottos of a brave people. Two years after we are waging a great battle for dignity, it has been only six days and in six day our people has mobilized by the thousands.

It has been impressive. There have been great demonstration in Latin America and in the whole world. In Buenos Aires there was a gigantic and powerful march on Friday in the afternoon. In Spain there was a powerful rally and concentration yesterday. I was invited to a great march and concentration the Nicaraguan people had. Daniel Ortega called me and told me: “tomorrow the Nicaraguan people will go out to the streets to support Venezuela, and I said to him: ”well, I will be there taking the voice and love of the people of Bolívar to the people of Sandino”. And so I did.

In the same way there have been marches in Bolivia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Brazil in the United States.

Down with the imperial decree!

I call upon you, brotherly peoples in the world, to keep up the mobilization, to convey the truth and to get the world demand president Barack Hussein Obama to repeal the decree

that threatens Venezuela: Let the people all over the world in the streets tell Obama: Down with the imperial decree!

I make a proposal. I have a letter for the people of the United States which I am going to publish in the New York Times (...) I have a letter for the people of the United States and for the president telling them the truth about Venezuela, denouncing the decree he signed, and demanding in the name of the morality of the people of Bolívar that Barack Obama repeal the presidential decree that threatens our country.

We are going to launch a gigantic campaign in all corners of our country, soldiers, militiamen and women, workers, women of the Country, I say: Let us take the letter I am going to address to the People of the United States, and in all public squares across the country, visiting house by house let us have no less than ten million Venezuelans sign it, and so send the letter to the White House.

We are going to collect more than ten million signatures. Let us appeal to the patriotic conscience of our people. Then together with this Enabling Law. I open the national and international campaign to collect signatures to demand Barack Hussein Obama to repeal the imperial decree.

When I went to the National Assembly, I greeted some opposers and I said: I offer you my hand once more as I am a man of peace. I hope you reject this imperial threat of the United States. I shook their hands one by one. Deputy Zambrano, Deputy Stalin González, and some others, Deputy Gómez Sigala (...) let me tell you youth, that all of them looked down (...) the one who has nothing to hide, do not look down otherwise you look straight in the eyes, because the eyes are the mirror of the soul. They all looked down. I had a little hope that in this opportunity, they would step forward to defend the right of Venezuela to have peace and reject this threat.

I thank the National Assembly which with honor, with a genuine patriotic feeling, has passed this Anti-imperialist Enabling Law which represents a constitutional and an institutional victory, a legal victory of the people of Venezuela in these six days facing the threat.

The support of Unasur

Yesterday a meeting of chancellors from the 12 governments of South America was held in Ecuador, in the middle of the World at Unasur's Head Office.

Hardly 5 days after the threat Unasur is already meeting, there were some moves from the State Department, pressures, calls from the Vice-President of the United States, Joe Biden to some governments in the continent trying to prevent the meeting from being held, but all the maneuvers were in vain, the meeting was summoned and held and decided to support Venezuela unanimously in its fight for sovereignty and peace.

A lesson from the libertarian people

I also want to especially congratulate the operative capacity, the combatant morale, the patriotic sentiment that yesterday filled fields and cities of Venezuela as the Bolivarian Shield, 2015 operations started, let us give an applause to the Bolivarian National Armed Force. Long live the civic-military union!

We are a people of peace, but if you want peace, be ready to defend your country; if you want peace and independence, get ready to act fast, hard and effectively.

We have a Bolivarian National Armed force of peace. But do not read us wrong. This is a people of libertarians and if that people had to defend this sacred land, it would give the greatest lesson ever to defend their children and this land.



The people of Venezuela standing for the defense of national sovereignty, March 15th, 2015.

This people would write the most glorious pages in all the history that we know against the empire and its puppets. I have said that our victory will always be peace, but peace, on our feet, peace with dignity, nor the peace on our knees that the battered right -wing wants to impose. No! not the infamous peace, not the peace of the colonies, no! peace with justice, peace with equality, peace with dignity and sovereignty, peace in the frame of that sacred book voted by the people, a constitutional peace.

Peace has been, it is, and it will always be our victory that is why we must preserve it, so, Bolivarian National Armed Force let us keep on perfecting the operational capacity, the first thing to perfect is the vision, strategy, the plans to guarantee our sea, our rivers, our mountains, our prairies, our cities.

We have to improve the combatant morale through an anti-imperialist consciousness. The infamous decree by President Barack Hussein Obama must be read by everyone in the garrisons, it must be read in every military unit, it must be read on the ships, it must be read in each university, in every lyceum. You must know the truth about the infamy of the decree of Barack Hussein Obama against Venezuela, because we have to build consciousness on the basis of knowledge about what we are doing, about what we are facing.

Two years from battle to battle, they have underestimated us, they still underestimate us. We have accumulated a great strength, My God! I imagine this year 2015 with all that strength and this patriotic consciousness, When the National Electoral Council convokes to elections, I imagine the river of people going to vote for our country giving the usual traitors a lesson of dignity.

Another America is our America

We are not and will never be alone. In the first place we have our brotherly peoples and the governments with dignity there are in the world. You see this and think what would have been of Salvador Allende and Chile back in 1973, if there had been Unasur, ALBA, Celac giving a hand to Allende and the people of Chile. I am sure there would not have been a Pinochet and 18 years of dictatorship, nor 10 thousand people missing.

This is another world today, it is another era and we must know that this era open a space in history as a result of struggle, as a result of perseverance, as a result of justice, of ideas, a product of the new alliances that were built in the light of the leadership of Commander Hugo Chávez in Latin America and in the Caribbean. This did not come out of the blue like rain, it were many years of struggle since the defeat of ALCA.

Another America is our America that is why the plans of the North American empire and the decree that threatens Venezuela, the only thing it has done and will do is to accelerate the process of unity in Latin America, the union of South America. What it will do is to raise even more the wave of anti-imperialist consciousness in the peoples of our America. Today, the social movements and the new leaders in the Continent will raise with more strength and vision.

Those struggles are inevitable; we have to march along these roads being aware we are constructing the new history that we are defending the most glorious ideas ever in this America, that today the peoples can express and walk freely on the streets, because their rights have been conquered and guaranteed. What is their intention, their intention is threatening the people, get it to surrender, They intend to dismantle the Bolivarian Revolution, and afterwards go and destroy

the new processes that have emerged in Latin America and the Caribbean. This has been the plan and today it is still the main plan. As Bruno Parrilla, the Chancellor of Cuba said yesterday, he was the one who gave me the letter from Fidel, the one I read in Managua, in his wonderful statement: The United States of North America believes that it can reconquer Cuba with the carrot and finish Venezuela with the stick. It is the old policy of the carrot and the stick and they will neither conquer Cuba with a million carrots nor defeat Venezuela with a million sticks. They will not prevail in Latin America

Either we are with the glorious ideas of the united and independent Country of our Simón Bolívar, or with the most macabre ideas of the imperialist Monroism of the United states. It is time of definitions and, on a clear decision, to march together. I insist on my call to national unity. We have to get, with national unity, with the pressure of the peoples in the world and with the support of the North American people president Barack Hussein Obama to repeal the decree that threatens Venezuela and to stop their threats and aggressions against the Country of Bolívar.

Cuba and Venezuela united

In the same extent that the revolutionary government of Cuba, of Army General Raúl Castro, Fidel and the people of Cuba have declared their unconditional support to Venezuela, I also want to express on behalf of all the Venezuelan people: the revolutionary government of Venezuela and the Venezuelan people support Cuba and the government of Raúl Castro in all the diplomatic actions it is carrying out so that the economic blockade on Cuba is lifted..

The blockade must be lifted, just as we said when the 5 returned to Cuba that it was a victory of Fidel of Raúl and

of the people of Cuba, the day the economic, commercial and financial blockade is lifted, it will be great victory of the resistance of Fidel's people and so we will celebrate it in the streets. Long live Cuba! Long live dignity!

Because they have tried to intrigue "that while Cuba sits to talk with the United States, Maduro, the mad man, goes throwing rocks" it is part of the design, of intrigue to generate divisions and fissures in ALBA, in the peoples and who does that? The empire, it is part of the calculation. Do not read us wrong, Ms. Roberta Jacobson; do not read us wrong, John Kerry. Cuba and Venezuela are more united than ever in the defense of peace, sovereignty and against imperialism and abuse.

Dialogue with respect

We will continue our struggle, fighting for the unity of our America, as for the government of United States we are always ready to talk, wherever, whenever and however they want to talk, but let us be clear, face to face, with respect, as equals, without prepotency, without arrogance, and the first subject on the table will be the derogation of the decree that declares the threat against Venezuela.

There have come some visitor to establish contact and we have told them that openly. I have commissioned the Commercial Attaché, Maximilian Arvelález to go back to Washington tomorrow to have meeting at all level in the State Department to express our rejection, and the rejection of all the Venezuelan people together with the demand from Unasur so that decree threatening Venezuela is derogated.

Thank you men and women of our Country for so much support, for so much love, for so much solidarity. You can be certain that this man you see here standing will always take all the necessary risks to defend against all odds the dignity

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and happiness of the people of Venezuela, so I swear before you two years after the departure of Commander Hugo Chávez.



President Maduro urges the people to sign against the intervention of the U.S.A. in Venezuela.

**Letters of President
Nicolás Maduro to the
peoples of Venezuela
and the United States**



In all "Bolívar" squares of the country the people signs for the repealing of Obama's Decree.

VENEZUELA IS NOT A THREAT, WE ARE HOPE

People of Venezuela. Brotherly peoples of the world, Venezuela has been unjustly attacked. Last March, 9th, the president of the United States, Barack Obama signed an Executive Order declaring the country of Bolívar a threat to the national security of the United States. This kind of statements, as history shows, have had fatal consequences in our continent and worldwide.

Before this new aggression, we raise the banners of international legality, justice and the union of our peoples. Venezuela knows it is not alone. As early as March 14th, the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) issued a historical statement that marks the beginning of the construction of a doctrine to reject the unilateral attempt to apply sanctions or threaten nations with the use of political, financial or military force.

As President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I have addressed a letter to the people of The United States and to president Obama explaining the truth of Venezuela, denouncing the aggression and demanding, on behalf of the immense morality of the people of Bolívar, the derogation of the presidential decree that threatens our country.

I call upon the progressive, sovereignty defenders, patriots, nationalists, humanists, progressive and noble men and women to accompany us in this campaign in the defense of sovereignty and sign this letter supporting the State-

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ment from Unasur rejecting the Executive Order of Barack Obama and demanding its derogation.

*We are a people of peace
And we defend peace standing
With dignity and justice*

Our victory will always be peace!

Nicolás Maduro Moros
President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



The people mobilizes for the defense of the homeland.

LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES **VENEZUELA IS NOT A THREAT**

We are the people of Simón Bolívar, and we believe in peace and respect for all the nations in the world.

Liberty and independence

More than two centuries ago, our forefathers founded a Republic on the basis that all persons are free and equal under the law.

Our nation endured big sacrifices to guarantee the Americans from the South their right to choose their governments and apply their own laws today.

That is why we always remember the historical legacy of our father: Simón Bolívar; a man who devoted his life to so that we inherited a country of justice and equality.

We believe in peace, national sovereignty and the international law

We are peaceful people. In two centuries since our independence we have never attacked another nation. We are a people that live in a region of peace, free from weapons of mass destruction and free to profess all religions. We defend the respect for the international law and for the sovereignty of all the peoples in the world.

We are an open society

We are working people who take care of our families, and profess freedom of beliefs. Among us there are immigrants from all over the world who are respected in their diversity.

Our press is free and we are enthusiastic users of the social networks on Internet.

We are friends of the people of the United States

The history of our peoples has been connected since the beginning of our fight to conquer liberty. During the first years of the early American nation, Francisco de Miranda, a Venezuelan hero, shared with George Washington and Thomas Jefferson the ideals of justice and liberty which were fundamental concepts of our fight for independence. We share the idea that liberty and independence are fundamental elements for the development of our nations.

The relationship between, our two peoples has always been that of peace and respect. Along history we have always had commercial relations in strategic areas. Venezuela has been a trustworthy and reliable provider of energy for the people of the United States. Since 2015 Venezuela has supplied subsidized heating oil to low-income communities in the United States through our company CITGO. This contribution has helped tens of thousands American citizens to survive in difficult living conditions, giving them a necessary relief and support in times of need, and has shown how solidarity can build powerful alliances across borders.

However, unbelievably, the government of the United States declares us a threat to the national security and the foreign policy of the U.S.A.

In an disproportioned act, Obama's government has decreed an emergency, because it considers Venezuela as a threat to its national security (Executive Order 09-15-2015) This unilateral and aggressive actions carried out by the Government of the United States against our country are not only groundless and violate the basic principles of sovereignty and free will of the peoples under the International

Law, but they have also been rejected by unanimously by the 33 countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and the 12 member States of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR). In a Statement issued on March, 14th, 2015, UNASUR reasserted its firm rejection to this coercive measure which do not contribute to peace, stability and democracy in our region and demanded president Obama to repeal his Executive Order against Venezuela.

We reject unilateralism and extraterritoriality

The president of the United States, without any authority to interfere in our internal affairs, unilaterally began to apply a series of sanctions against Venezuelan officials and has opened the gate for more sanctions to come, interfering with our constitutional order and our Judicial System.

We plead for a multipolar world

We believe the world must abide by the norms of the International Law, without interference of some countries in the internal affairs of others. We have the conviction that the relations of respect between nations are the only way to consolidate peace and coexistence, as well as the consolidation of a more just world.

We honor our liberties and keep our rights

Never before in the history of our nations, had a president of the United States tried to govern Venezuelan by decree. It is and imperial and tyrannical order that takes us back to the darkest days of the relations of the United States with Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the name of our long –dated friendship, we alert our North American brothers and sisters, justice and liberty lov-

ing, about this aggression the Government is carrying out in their names. We will not let this absurd and groundless decision of president Obama affect our friendship with the people of the United States.

We demand:

- 1- To put an end to the hostile actions of the government of the United States against the people and democracy of Venezuela.
- 2- To repeal the Executive Order that declares Venezuela a threat, just as it has been requested by the Union of South American States (UNASUR).
- 3- To eliminate the offensive and alleged sanctions against honorable Venezuelan officials who were just obeying our Constitution and law.

Our sovereignty is sacred

The battle-cry the forefathers who founded the United States is repeated with the same dignity by the people of Simón Bolívar: In the name of the love for national independence we share, we expect Barack Obama's government to think it over and correct this false step he has taken.

We are convinced that the defense of our liberty is a right to which will never renounce, because there also lies the future of humanity. As Simón Rodríguez well said: "The liberty of the New World is the hope of the universe."

Venezuela is not a threat. It is hope.

"Independence or nothing"
Simón Bolívar

Nicolás Maduro Moros

President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



The worker of our country reminds Obama that Venezuela is not a threat, but a hope.

**Statements by
presidents, politicians
and organizations
from different parts of
the world supporting
Venezuela**

“How can a country that expresses solidarity with the region and the world be a threat for your nation? President Obama, remember that even the poor people in your country have benefited from the solidarity of the Bolivarian Revolution. You touch one, you touch us all”.

*Ambassadors from the state members of Alba, Cuba
March, 10th 2015*

“Dear Nicolás Maduro, president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. I congratulate you on your brilliant and courageous speech before the brutal plans of the government of the United States. Your words will be recorded by history as a testimony that humanity can and should know the truth”.

*Fidel Castro, Leader of the Cuban Revolution
March 10th, 2015*

“Obama’s Executive Order declares Venezuela as an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security of the U.S.A. and decrees the state of national emergency to face this “threat”. That must be a nasty joke that reminds us the darkest hours of our America, when we received invasions and dictatorships imposed by imperialism. Will they ever understand Latin America has already changed?”

*Rafael Correa, president of Ecuador
March 10th, 2015*

“Comrade Maduro, please give all the Venezuelan people greetings from the Bolivian people and president Evo Morales, and tell them they can count on all the support of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to defend Venezuela as we defend Bolivia”.

*Evo Morales, president of Bolivia
March 10th, 2015*

“The Presidency of the Parliament of Mercosur expresses its most resolute and firm rejection to those measures -Obama Law- since it poses a real threat of aggression to the sovereignty, peace and democratic stability of this South American country, and so of Mercosur, and it is in itself the threat of a military aggression against Venezuela what should activate a national and an international alert”.

*Presidency of the Parliament of Mercosur
(Parlasur), March 11th, 2015*

“It is unbelievable that Venezuela, or any country of South America or Latin America constitutes a threat to the national security of the United States. Argentina just as all the countries in the region, considers that the constructive dialogue and peaceful negotiation are the only ways to overcome differences and at the same time rejects any interference in the internal affairs of other states”.

*Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of
Argentina, March 12th, 2015*

“ The aggressive increase of political pressure and sanctions on Caracas by Washington contradicts the position of many members of the international community, who plead for constructive solutions for the internal affairs of Venezuela (...) We reiterate our firm solidarity with the people of Venezuela and its leaders, lawfully elected, and our decisive rejection to any kinds of violent actions and coups as a method to overthrow legitimate governments in sovereign states”.

*Serguéi Viktorovich Lavrov, Minister of Foreign
Affairs of Russia
March 12th, 2015*

“The State members of the Union of South American States express their rejection to the Executive Order of the government of the United States of America of March, 2015 as it constitutes a threat of interference to sovereignty and the principle of no interference in the internal affairs of other states”.

*Union of South American States (Unasur)
March 15th, 2015*

“Iran and Venezuela have friendly relations and the Islamic Republic supports Venezuela, a sovereign and outstanding country in Latin America.”

*Marzie Afjam, spokesman of the Ministry of
Foreign Relations of Iran
March 15th, 2015*

“The Coordinating Office of the Non-Aligned Movement categorically rejects the decision of the government of the United States of imposing coercive and unilateral measures against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (...) We urge the U.S.A. to repeal the unjust measures against Venezuela as we consider they affect the spirit of dialogue and political understanding between both nations”.

*Non-Aligned Countries Movement
March 18th, 2015*

“G77+China “requests that this Executive Order be repealed(...)deplores such measures and reassures its support to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;” therefore “it subscribes to the statements of support of other international and regional groups such as MNOAL, CELAC, ALBA and UNASUR”.

*G 77+ China
March 25th, 2015*

“The so-called Nobel Prize of Peace -Obama- must be aware that the situation has changed and Venezuela is no longer his backyard (...) Latin America marches towards its true independency with full self-determination and by the hand of multilateral organisms such as ALBA, UNASUR and CELAC, to defend its sovereignty”.

*Javier Couso, Vice president of The Commission of Foreign Relations of the European Parliament
March 25th, 2015*





“The Community of Latin American and the Caribbean States its rejection to the Executive Order of the government of the United States of America passed on March 9th 2015 and considers this decree must be repealed. At the same time CELAC urges the government of the United States of America and to the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to start a dialogue under the principles of respect to sovereignty, no interference in the internal affairs of the States, self-determination of the peoples and democratic order”.

*Community of Latin American and the Caribbean States (Celac)
March 26th, 2015*

Latin America united against imperialism

Latin America is not the same. The recent aggression of the United States against Venezuela has proved it. Thousands of voices, blocks of nations, CELAC, UNASUR, ALBA have raised their voices to tell the government of Obama: "Respect" A multicentric and multiplural world can be felt to tear down the unipolar project of imperialism for good.

LEGEND

-  Oil wells
-  Large Water Reservoirs
-  Mineral fields
-  Forestry reserves
-  Agricultural areas
-  Industrial Zones



CELAC

Founded in Caracas, Venezuela on December 2 and 3, 2011. It is integrated by 33 countries from the region with the aim of fostering integration and political, economic, social and cultural unity and establishing effective commitments of joint actions for the promotion of the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean in a context of solidarity, cooperation, complementarity and political concertation.

ALBA

Created in La Habana, Cuba on December 14th 2004. It is the result of a proposal by President Hugo Chávez for a political, economic, social and cultural integration of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. At present it is integrated by 11 countries from the region and it is based on the creation of instruments that use the cooperative advantages between different nations associated in a way that the asymmetries between the member countries are compensated for.

UNASUR

Organism created on December 8th, 2004, under the name of South American Community of Nations (Sp.CSN); however by May 23rd 2008 The Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Countries is passed. It is integrated by 12 countries from the region and has the objective of constructing a space of economic, social and political integration taking into account the reality of each nation and with the challenge of reducing socio-economic disparities, attaining social inclusion, increasing peoples participation, strengthening democracy and reducing the existing asymmetries considering besides the sovereignty and independence of the Nations.

PetroCaribe

Initiative put forwards by Commander Hugo Chávez on June 29, 2015. At present it is integrated by 14 countries with the objective of constituting an economic space that allows them to solve, together, the problems they have in common, but also dealing with other potencies as a block.

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After the new aggression of the North American imperialism against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its legitimate government, when president Barack Obama issued its infamous Executive Order declaring Venezuela “an unusual and extraordinary threat to its national security”, many voices of political leaders and organizations all over the world were heard denouncing the interference intent of the government of the United States, among them that of President Nicolás Maduro who, together with the Venezuelan people, launched an international campaign to collect 10 million signatures to demand Obama the immediate repealing of such a decree.

The present edition offers a group of anti-imperialist speeches by President Nicolás Maduro at different moments and the messages addressed to the peoples of Venezuela and the United States rejecting the interference intent of the Yankee Government.

