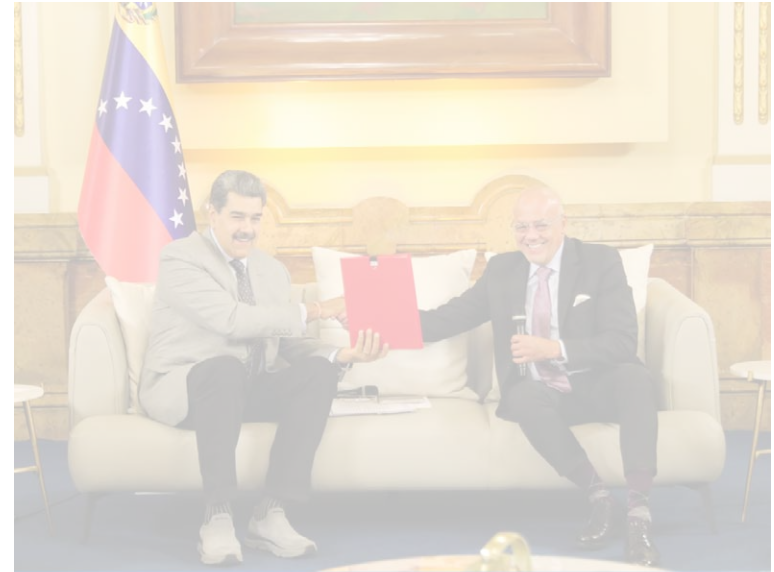




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Conversation with the delegation of the National Government that participated in the Dialogue Table in Barbados

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Dialogue Table of Barbados, Deputy Jorge Rodríguez Very good afternoon, Mr. Constitutional President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros; dear first combatant, deputy Cilia Flores; dear executive vice president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Delcy Eloína Rodríguez.

It is a real pleasure for us, President, and a source of pride to be here in your house, in the house of the people, in the Miraflores Palace, as your delegation, the delegation in whom you placed the trust of the people of Venezuela. to represent the Bolivarian Government in intense days of dialogue with sectors, with a sector of the Venezuelan opposition called the Unitary Platform of Venezuela. In those arduous discussions that we have been holding privately, on other occasions secretly here in Caracas and in other parts of the Republic, and also abroad, we have mainly brought the truth of this people, the truth of this government and the truth of the Revolution, the need for unrestricted respect for the laws of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, that we all make wishes for peace, that we all make wishes for the defense of our sovereignty, of our territorial integrity, that we all make wishes for the pursuit of prosperity and the recovery of the state of well-being of all the inhabitants of our country.

In that sense, these votes for the search for prosperity and the welfare state necessarily require that all political, economic and social sectors of the country make the supreme effort to ensure that those unilateral coercive measures, called sanctions, which are illegal, which They are illegitimate, they renounce any scrutiny by international law, they affect the most vulnerable, our girls, our boys, our older adults, because these real bombs only kill

people, formed by unilateral coercive measures. ; that they be definitively lifted so that Venezuela can achieve the path of building prosperity and recovering the welfare state, which was severely affected by the criminal action of these sanctions.

After some very arduous discussions, which took place with this sector of Venezuelan political life, with the facilitation of the Kingdom of Norway, within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed in 2021 in Mexico City, in the United States Mexicans, President, there was a process of drafting two agreements between that political force and the government that you preside over. The first of these agreements, fundamental, is an agreement related to political rights and electoral guarantees for all. And basically, to summarize what is established in this agreement, what is indicated there is the legal framework established in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, that is, in its Constitution, in the Organic Law of Electoral Processes, in the Organic Law of the Comptrollers Office, in the Organic Code of Criminal Procedure and in all chapters of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, referring to political rights, requirements to access those political rights, and also the development that the Constitution makes of the Venezuelan Electoral System.

In that sense, we ratify the solid character, the efficient character, the invulnerable character that our Electoral System has, and we agree with this sector of Venezuelan politics on a process for the election to be carried out, the

presidential election, which constitutionally corresponds to the year 2024, be carried out in the second half of the year 2024, that the audits that the Electoral Branch naturally, customarily carries out, of all parts of the Electoral System, are 18 audits, President, from the Automated Voting System, which is the most efficient system in the entire world, down to the Electoral Registry, the deployment of electoral material, the constitution of the polling stations, and also, of course, the corresponding pre-vote audits, the so-called zero audit, when the machine is plugged in, to the audits after the scrutiny is done and then the proclamation of the candidate. Those are natural events of our Electoral System that were ratified.

Another very important element is that the parties ratify our intention that the political and social affairs of the political sectors of Venezuela, of the so-called political actors, have to be resolved through peaceful, constitutional, electoral means, a call is made for the construction of a climate of tolerance, a call is made to preserve and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and, in that sense, it is very auspicious that those who in the past called for and made barbaric calls for beatings of State, to invasions and violation of our sacred territory, those who asked for sanctions, and there are some who still continue to do so, but on one occasion political sectors called and asked for sanctions against the people of Venezuela, today, in a final element of this document, is established, understanding the need for sanctions against the Venezuelan State to be lifted,

and claiming independence, freedom, sovereignty, immunity, territorial integrity and national self-determination as an inalienable right of the nation. It is a document that paints the field, President, for the electoral events to come, mainly for the presidential electoral event of 2024, but it is also a germ, it is a foundation so that, together, we can strive to build a climate of political tolerance, a climate of search and construction of peace and, above all, unrestricted respect for our independence, our sovereignty, our legal system and the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Although I am a bit long, I also have to mention, President, that a partial agreement was signed yesterday for the protec-

Other element very important, is that the parties we ratify our intention that the political issues and social political sectors from Venezuela, of the so-called political actors, they have to resign through peaceful means, constitutional, electoral.

Deputy Jorge Rodríguez

tion of the vital interests of the nation and that, basically, what it establishes is the vindication of the inalienable rights that This nation has in terms of independence, freedom, sovereignty, immunity, territorial integrity and national self-determination, which leads to the fact that we must build the defense of Guayana Esequiba among all Venezuelans, the validity of the Agreement is ratified. of Geneva of 1966, the unilateral actions of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana are rejected, in contravention of International Law, with these abusive, rude, illegal measures of attempting to auction oil fields in waters that are not yet delimited and the defense of the assets and property of the company Citgo Petroleum Corporation as the most important asset that the Republic has abroad. And just as the rights of Venezuela over its company Citgo are defended, so is the preservation of all the assets of the Republic that are located abroad.

These two documents were signed by the representatives of the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and also by the representatives of the Unitary Platform of Venezuela. Mr. Gerardo Blyde, who is the head of the delegation; Mr. Roberto Enríquez, Mr. Stalin González, Mr. Tomás Guanipa, Mrs. Mariela Magallanes, Mr. Luis Aquiles Moreno, Mr. Luis Emilio Rondón and Mrs. Claudia Nikken. Consequently, Mr. President, and with great pride and joy, I presented to you the originals of both documents signed yesterday in the city of Bridgetown, capital of Barbados.

Attendees [applause].



Presenter Words from citizen Nicolás Maduro Moros, constitutional president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Well, good evening to all, to all, dear compatriots who see and hear us through the media, networks, streets and walls, my greetings throughout Venezuela, and to all who listen to us. The harmony is impressive, impressive in Santiago de Chile, for example; My greetings to everyone there in Chile.

Yesterday our compatriots in Chile scored the three goals, a tremendous victory for the national soccer team, 3 to 0, huh?

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro With all our affection for Chile, our love for Chile; heroic Chile arrived there, they like red wine there in Chile, they produce good red wine, and Vinotinto provided tremendous goals, tremendous game, 52 thousand people in the Monumental de Maturín, soccer stadium built by Commander Chávez, when Jorge Rodríguez was Vice President, for the 2007 Copa América. That stadium was built in times of revolution, yesterday it was full of tequeteques in Maturín.

My greetings over there to Maturín, Monagas, tremendous triumph, we cannot forget the joy, the excitement of thinking that this time yes, this time we are going to the World Cup, right? This time yes.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro So yesterday was a day of good news.

Comrade Jorge Rodríguez, deputy psychiatrist, revolutionary leader, president of the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the only National Assembly, as we said, that exists and is recognized nationally and internationally, elected in free, fair and transparent elections, as They are all elections in Venezuela. Comrade President Jorge Rodríguez, Venezuela was filled with good news yesterday.

I want to greet the entire delegation present, the fellow human rights defender, Camilla de Saab, welcome Camilla; who is in this national and international dialogue com-

mission occupying the position that corresponds to him, and one day the Venezuelan diplomat kidnapped in the United States, Alex Saab Morán, will occupy. Here is Camilla, and here is Camilla, there is Alex, and if Alex is there, we are all here.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro Fellow Diva Guzmán, member of the national and international dialogue commission and Minister of Women; fellow scientific professor, Gabriela Jiménez, also the brain of the dialogue commission and all the agreements; fellow deputy Nicolás Ernesto Maduro Guerra, present; Comrade Francisco Torrealba, Minister of Popular Power for Labor, member of the Boston Group, and member of the dialogue commission, right? Everyone here is a signatory to this document. Comrade William Castillo, expert in criminal sanctions and coordinator of the National Observatory Against Criminal Sanctions; companion Génesis Garvett, youth representative, is the youngest representative of the National Assembly, representative of the state of Falcón, brave state of Falcón; Professor Larry Devoe, executive secretary of the National Human Rights Council of Venezuela, a vital institution in the guarantees and respect of human rights in Venezuela; and there is also Madelein García, present, from Maracaibo, from Telesur, who was the international journalist who has covered all the dialogue processes: in Barbados, in Mexico, etc., she was there yesterday to tell us everything that was

happening there . The executive vice president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, colleague Delcy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez, is present, welcome. There is also Dr. Cilia Flores de Maduro, the first combatant of the Republic, *the First Combat* , welcome.

Well, I'm very happy to have the originals in my hands. Document for the protection of vital interests to declare to the world that Venezuelans are all united, all firmly united in the defense of Guayana Esequiba, here it is signed and endorsed. First agreement.

This agreement was not read last night, yesterday afternoon. It may be because the La Vinotinto game was coming up and everyone was in a hurry. The hours coincided.

And the agreement called on the Promotion of Political Rights and Electoral Guarantees for all, and all of them should be, right? Because they only give electoral guarantees for everyone in this signed document, small detail, take note.

I also want to greet in a very special way the members of the Dialogue Commission of the Unitary Platform, which is one of the oppositions, one of the opposition sectors, of a diverse opposition that has various currents, groups and coalitions. The Unitary Platform of Venezuela, calling itself that, is one of its platforms, it is one of its blocks, it is one of its political coalitions. The coordinator, head of delegation Gerardo Blyde, an honorable man, a constitutionalist, a man of his word who

has insisted on this agreement going forward; I want to thank Gerardo Blyde for his Venezuelan vocation to make this agreement go ahead. And from now on we must join forces with all blocks, social, political, economic sectors of the country, academic, to continue expanding the spectrum of Venezuelans who are committed to peace, coexistence, and harmony.

Likewise, I want to greet the members of the delegation who signed this historic agreement, Stalin González, Tomás Guanipa, Mariela Magallanes, Luis Aquiles Moreno, Luis Emilio Rondón, Lester Toledo and Claudia Nikken. No, Lester Toledo is not a signatory. Oh? They put it here. He didn't sign. Fugitive from Venezuelan justice. And in the end the

From now on you have to unite efforts with everyone blocks, sectors social, political, economic of the country, academic, for continue expanding the spectrum of the Venezuelans and Venezuelans what do we bet for peace, for coexistence, for harmony.

President Nicolás Maduro

opposition delegation decided by eight votes to one that he would not sign, lest he stain this document with manure. Good decision.

I also want to thank Dag Nylander, head of the delegation, facilitator from the Kingdom of Norway; to the delegation of the Russian Federation; from the Netherlands; of the special guests Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, who were present there; to the representatives of the United Kingdom; To the representative, my friend Ambassador Palmieri of the United States of America, I hope to see you soon here at the Miraflores Palace, to Ambassador Palmieri who is eager to visit Venezuela, welcome to Venezuela, Ambassador Palmieri; and the representatives of President Macron, our friend and fellow President Emmanuel Macron.

A very important effort has been made to advance along the path of dialogue. This is not new. I remembered him yesterday talking with Cilia, talking with Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, talking with Jorge Rodríguez, with Diosdado, with Héctor and we remembered all the efforts at dialogue that Commander Hugo Chávez made. All dialogue efforts.

I have here in my possession a document that marked an era. At that time when the opposition was united in a single bloc, which had just carried out the coup d'état on April 11, 2002 against Commander Chávez. Remember? You can't remember it because you were in primary school, you were very young, twenty-one years ago,

right? You were ten years old. How old were you, Genesis? You were three years old, you were three years old when the coup d'état, three years old, look at Genesis three years old, they came from the coups d'état and Commander Hugo Chávez making an effort to defend the Constitution, democracy, through dialogue, bring the path of peace, of respect for the institutions to all that opposition that was in the hands of an irrational, intolerant, neo-fascist extreme right at the time; They had carried out a coup d'État, they were constantly threatening to carry out another coup d'état. And Commander Hugo Chávez, I remember, on November 8, 2002, here in Miraflores, he summoned a group of compatriots; to the executive vice president, the great José Vicente Rangel always remembered, always loved, and to another group of colleagues María Cristina Iglesias, Aristóbulo Is-túriz, the chancellor Roy Chaderton at that time, who is now ambassador in Switzerland, I send my greetings to Roy; to the then governor of the state of Táchira Ronald Blanco La Cruz, Bolivarian captain, revolutionary, and to me who was a deputy, I was at that time National Coordinator of the Bolivarian Workers Force, FBT, the glorious and powerful Bolivarian Workers Force, FBT, which we had founded in 2000, was a deputy at the time, I was chief coordinator of the majority parliamentary opinion group of the Great Patriotic Pole, of the glorious and always well-remembered Fifth Republic Movement. And he gave us a task, Commander Chávez, summoned the Secretary General of the OAS at that time, the former president of Colombia César Gaviria; and Cesar Gaviria

settled in Venezuela, we managed to sit that opposition at the negotiating table; We managed to go through everything we had to do, the oil sabotage of December 2002, January, February, March 2003, and going through all the deserts, the threats, the blackmail. They told Chávez: Either you resign or we stop the oil; either he resigns or we burn the country. And Chávez told them what we say today: By fair means, everything, with dialogue, everything, as the Liberator said, everything is possible with the right way. By hard means, by blackmail, with a gun to the head: Nothing. So it was. Commander Chávez persevered on the path of dialogue.

There were ultra-leftist sectors that later ended in betrayal; There were ultra-left sectors, Dr. Jorge Rodríguez, who said that it was Chávez's weakness to dialogue. And Chávez said: The greatest strength of the Revolution has to be dialogue for peace, for democracy, for coexistence. To overcome the fascist intolerance that they have installed and the hatred in the country that they had installed.

Genesis, you didn't live that. Nobody told me about it, I lived it. He was much younger than now. We were younger than now. But we live it, the intolerance, the hatred, the media campaigns; They poisoned millions of men and women in this country with hatred, intolerance.

But with patience, with patience, we were carrying, we were carrying. And twenty years ago exactly, on May 29,

2003, the process of negotiation and agreement with the presence of the OAS of the Carter Center in Venezuela, with the Democratic Coordinator then the only opposition bloc, reached a final agreement signed and endorsed on May 21, 2003, twenty years.

There we were looking at some images that they posted, the team got some images, look, I appear signing, there is César Gaviria giving a greeting; signed by the Vice President of the Republic. May 29, 2003, look Timoteo Zambrano, he was young, okay; Roy Chaderton was also young, chancellor; our senior teacher Aristóbulo Istúriz; There are the words he gave and there I am looking back at my cell phone, thinking, reflecting. Look at former governor Lapi.

That document was signed, here I have it, here I have the document, to talk about peace, coexistence, a document to give electoral guarantees for the future; They tried to impose on the country a blackmail of Commander Chávez's resignation, a blackmail that a recall referendum had to be held above the Constitution and the law. Chávez said: Above the Constitution and the law, there is never anyone or anything. And they left here, they left there. Here are the signatures, look. I don't know if you can get them, May 29, 2003, members of the Negotiation and Agreement Table, José Vicente Rangel, Roy Chaderton Matos, Aristóbulo Istúriz. For the Democratic Coordinator, the opposition bloc: Timoteo Zambrano, Alejandro Armas, may he rest in peace; Américo Martín,

may he rest in peace. If we turn the page, William, these documents must be published. Here we have then on the part of the revolutionary Bolivarian Government: María Cristina Iglesias, was Minister of Labor, the great María Cristina; Nicolás Maduro, deputy, look, he had almost the same signature that I have now; Ronald Blanco la Cruz, governor. On the opposition side: Manuel Cova, may he rest in peace, was general secretary of the former Confederation of Venezuelan Workers CTV, now extinct; Rafael Alfonso businessman, do you remember...? What is it called? *La Maizina Americana*, was a very right-wing man for the time, I don't know where he is now. We became friends, he was very, very, very, very right-wing. He was forced to sign because he did not agree to sign. He said that Chávez should go now. And he had that in the brain of him. And referendum now, and everything now. The slogan was: Now, now, now, everything now, everything now. And Chávez told them there is a Constitution to respect. There are institutions to respect. No to blackmail, no to conditioning, no to coup plotting. Yes to dialogue, yes to peace.

Omar Meza Ramírez, from the Fifth Republic Movement, on the right Juan Manuel Raffalli, was from Primero Justicia at the time, I don't know what he did; César Gaviria, and Francisco Díaz representative of the Carter Center.

This document that was signed, Genesis you were three years old, allowed us from its signature to go through these twenty years of struggle, of battle, of victory, of the Bolivarian revolution.

Dialogue, understanding, conversation, tolerance, respect for the Constitution, overcoming extra-constitutional blackmail, overcoming conditions, took us along the path of regularizing the country, consolidating the revolution, consolidating democracy. , and that the Constitution in the end was assumed by all Venezuelans, by all Venezuelan women, fully, broadly.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro I could say, a dialogue, a document, a commitment, an agreement that gave us twenty years of travel. That is why when I see the document that you have signed, I look ahead to twenty years or more of construction, growth, prosperity, recovery, of the state of social welfare, of unity among Venezuelans, of harmony, of tolerance, of encounter and reunion.

I was reflecting on that today with Cilia, we were reflecting on where we come from, the accumulated experience, the paths taken and the challenges, the learning we have. We are on the right path. We are on the right side of history. And this agreement that has been signed is a victory of perseverance in dialogue.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro Of perseverance on the path of peace. I see it as a victory and I said it yesterday; and



I said: Long live the people! Because it is a victory for the people who have resisted, who have fought, for the ordinary people, for the humble people, for the suffering people, for the people who have attacked them with criminal sanctions, for those people who have resisted, and who said: I persevere on a path. Believe to create. Create to advance. Moving forward to succeed, one would say, is a path, a trajectory. And the Venezuelan people, in all these years of aggression, have believed in themselves. Believe in yourself. That is why we open the floodgates of dialogue, always, always. And I believe that the signed document, the assumed commitment, because it is not a document to be signed, to be signed, no, it is a commitment, as we assumed twenty years ago the commitment signed at the then Hilton Hotel in Caracas, today Hotel Alba, that May 29, 2003, twenty years ago, I would say the song, Right? Twenty years is nothing. So let twenty more years of peace and unity come, Venezuela has been overcoming, comrades, totally overcoming I think, the old stage of negative polarization, destructive polarization, useless polarization, that hatred, that intolerance, that intemperance no longer exists in Venezuela, they want to replant it, but those who want to replant it are already failed, the people do not listen to them, the people want work, growth, recovery, education, rumba, rumba people. Our town? A party town. One of the things that our brothers who emigrated forced by criminal sanctions suffer the most is that they have to work in Santiago, in Lima, in New York they have to work 14, 15, 16 hours from Monday to

Monday; They don't know what a Thursday of rumba, a Friday of partying, and a Saturday with the family are, they don't know what that is, loneliness, loneliness hits them wherever they are, loneliness, loneliness. That is why I am glad that today, in compliance with the agreements discussed and signed between the authorities of Venezuela and the government of the United States, the first group of Venezuelans who have been repatriated in the Plan Vuelta la Patria has returned. .

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro The arrival of the flight was news today, there are the boys who have been, well, hives, many of them, the vast majority, were detained for three months, four months, you see their shoes. Do you know why the shoes and clothes are the same? Because they were all detained in detention centers for migrants, and that is not known, they were all detained in detention centers for migrants; Here we have received them with affection, they are undergoing medical check-ups to see how they are, they are undergoing a psychosocial check-up, and well, everything is going to be contributed to the Return to the Homeland Plan so that they can here in their homeland, They reintegrate into their homeland, integrate into their homeland, Venezuela, and fully recover from the trauma of these migrations, a product of criminal sanctions.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro So I announce that the first flight that is going to be weekly has arrived, he tells me that 126 or 127 arrived? 126 Venezuelans from the United States in strict compliance with the agreement, the agreements discussed and signed between the Venezuelan authorities and the government of the United States, we have always dialogued, we have always been in a position to advance in all the agreements, move forward, work permanently . And advance along a fundamental line.

We have been fighting, we have been fighting to denounce internationally the criminal sanctions that have been imposed against Venezuela. During all these years in all international public forums, and I can say that today it is a global consensus that the sanctions against Venezuela must end, that all sanctions against Venezuela must be lifted, that Venezuela has the right to economic freedom; that Venezuela has the right to commercial freedom; It is a global consensus, whoever you talk to in the world, the President of Mexico López Obrador has said it, President Lula of Brazil has said it; President Petro of Colombia has said it; Caricom, the entire Caribbean has said it in one voice, and the people of the world say it, the economic aggression against Venezuela must cease, the economic aggression against Venezuela must never be repeated, all sanctions against our country must be lifted, against our economy, against our people in a global consensus.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro In Venezuela I have spoken of five consensuses. Well, it is the first consensus in Venezuela. 84% of Venezuelans demand, in different ways, that the sanctions against the economy, society and against our country be lifted.

They are very conclusive, Dr. Jorge Rodríguez, colleague, the measurements of public opinion are very conclusive, they are very conclusive and show gigantic numbers, in a national consensus, it is the main national consensus, and we have raised it in all world forums, the We have proposed in these processes of dialogue, negotiation, conversations, agreement, and I believe that with the signing of the Barbados Agreement

The people say it of the world, must stop the aggression economic against Venezuela, I don't know must repeat more never aggression economic against Venezuela, they must get up all sanctions against our country, against our economy, against our town in a global consensus.

President Nicolás Maduro

we are taking, as I said yesterday, the first step in the right direction for a progressive and sustained uprising of all sanctions against Venezuela, progressive and sustained.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro It is a matter of human justice that Venezuela recovers all its economic freedom, all its commercial freedom, to which any country in the world is entitled, to which our people are entitled, economic freedoms for investment, for trade, for development, for growth, for the purchase in the world of what the country needs, that all sanctions cease, that the economic, financial and commercial persecution against Venezuela ceases, and that we go through a sustained, progressive process of lifting of all sanctions, until we achieve, sooner rather than later, that Venezuela is free of sanctions, totally free of sanctions.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro Doctor Jorge Rodríguez, comrade, there has been talk of electoral guarantees, excellent, very good within the framework of the Constitution of the laws and institutions; Constitution, laws and institutions. No one can doubt the firmness and strength in our position, the ethics and our position, it is demonstrated, to show a button, 20 years, May 29, 2003. October 18, 2023; We could write and make a

film so that you can see everything we have traveled, everything we have contributed, everything we have learned, everything we have achieved, everything we have endured.

I say to the extremists, to the extreme right who try to embolden themselves here, embolden themselves there, I tell them, it is time for you to reflect, for you to draw conclusions about who we are, about the changes that have occurred in this country, of the strength of the national conscience, of the strength of the national union that we have today, that they are not going to make mistakes again, and that they do not do more damage to our country, the Constitution must be respected, the laws must be respected, the decisions of democratic institutions must be respected; That's how it is in this agreement, that's how all the agreements are, that's how it will be, and no one will ever be above the Constitution, the laws and the institutions, nor will anyone be there yesterday, nor will anyone be tomorrow; to a good understander... sufficient word then; to a good understander.

Good guarantees have been given. I would like Dr. Jorge Rodríguez to tell me the roadmap, what is happening at this time. Vice President, do you have news? Ah! What does the Vice President say, or the representative Jorge Rodríguez?

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue



Table, deputy Jorge Rodríguez President.

President Nicolás Maduro There is news. Attention, there is news, they tell me, because some faces are looking at me, that something is happening in the middle of the activity, right? As part of the agreements, the conversations, the signatures that we have made, it is important. Please.

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Dialogue Table of Barbados, deputy Jorge Rodríguez In fact President, minutes ago he was heading a statement that pointed out as a response to the Barbados Agreements signed yesterday between the government Bolivarian that you preside and the Unitary Platform, the Treasury Department of the United States of America has published a broad license for the production, marketing, exploration, sale, export of oil from Venezuela, that is, the sanction for all activities of Petróleos de Venezuela for the production of oil, and the sale of this product.

Attendees [applause].

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue

Table, deputy Jorge Rodríguez A license for the production, exploration, sale, export of gas for Venezuela and from Venezuela. As well as everything that has to do with materials and services; That is something very important and it was one of the ways in which our oil industry was attacked and attacked the most, the great difficulty in being able to undertake the maintenance of our fields, our wells, our refineries, everything that has to do with a license so that all goods or services related to oil or gas operations can be imported into Venezuela; license for new investments to be made in oil or gas. In Venezuela, the possibility is completely open for any company or person to come to invest in oil or gas in Venezuela, sell oil and gas from Venezuela, or pay for oil and gas from Venezuela to pay debt to creditors that Venezuela has, including those creditors of PDVSA entities.

At the same time, a license has been published so that the Conviasa company can have services, and that it can carry out transactions related to the repatriation of Venezuelan sisters or brothers from anywhere in America to Venezuela, everything that has to do with service, with payment landing, with catering, with fuel. It has also published a license in that regard.

Attendees [applause].

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue Table, Deputy Jorge Rodríguez We understand that this is a progressive process, what would be logical is that there would be no need to be producing a license, that there would be no need to be doing this progressively; but we also point it out as a very good first step towards the ultimate goal that we all have and that is for Venezuela to be completely free of sanctions. Then we have a license that authorizes all transactions of the General Mining Company of Venezuela related to the production and marketing of gold.

Attendees [applause].

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue Table, deputy Jorge Rodríguez And another license related to all exchange operations, purchase and sale of bonds and relations and transactions of Venezuela with the owners of Venezuelan bonds are licenses previously so-called because they cover the entire space of activities that were previously severely affected by unilateral, coercive measures.

Attendees [applause].

Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue Table, Deputy Jorge Rodríguez. You ask me, Presi-

dent, what the roadmap is. I believe that Venezuela is much more varied than the actors who participated in yesterday's event, that there are other political actors who began contacts immediately after the signing of the Barbados Agreements was made public, who want to join a process of agreements for political guarantees, electoral guarantees, the defense of Guayana Esequiba, participation in the consultative referendum, the defense of Venezuela's assets seized abroad, and in addition to those social sectors President, economic sectors, businessmen like you say; The first consensus that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has at this moment is a unanimous rejection, transversal to all sectors of society, of these sanctions that have so affected our economic activity and our normal life.

We would like to propose to you, President, that you take the initiative to convene these other sectors, so that as soon as next week we can also endorse and expand the elements contained in our agreements, and that all sectors of political, social, economic and cultural of Venezuela are incorporated into a great national agreement for peace, for respect for the institutions and the Constitution for the safeguarding of our heritage, our assets, and also for a life in our country free of sanctions.

President Nicolás Maduro Free of sanctions, step by step we have to consolidate it, enough is enough, the calls that we saw in the years 2016, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, the calls of all these people who now live like magnates abroad, the calls, the lobby, the pressure they made to fill Venezuela with sanctions, more than 930 sanctions against the economic and social body of Venezuela, against all Venezuelans. Well, people know who asked for the sanctions; People know who asked for the invasion of foreign armies that we managed to stop it; People know who trained the mercenaries in Colombia, people know, our people are very well informed, they know who was behind the coup attempts, all those who participated in the drone attack to kill us are convicted and confessed, kill the entire political, military and institutional high command of Venezuela. Enough, enough, let's turn the page, see big, think big about our country, let's make our Venezuela a great country of work, of prosperity, of recovery, of development, with a new economic model, healing the wounds, the wounds that the blockade, the sanctions, have left us, that will take time to heal, but we are going to heal them, we are going to heal all the wounds, the social ones, the economic ones, the human ones, individual, collective, we all have to heal them.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro And the only way is in national union; That is why I take the head of the Venezuelan



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delegation, president of the National Assembly, deputy and psychiatrist Jorge Rodríguez, at his word, and I immediately call for a national conference for peace, democracy and dialogue in Venezuela with all political sectors: From the left, from the center, from the right; with all the economic sectors, with all the cultural, social, and academic sectors of the country, a national conference for peace, so that we can see the Barbados agreement, to be able to explain these international agreements that we have discussed, that we have worked on, that we have signed and so that we assume a single, unitary position of the country, in terms of defending the great interests of the country, in terms of demanding the complete lifting of all illegal and criminal sanctions, in terms of a social recovery plan with shared responsibility of all sectors. I call the economic sectors that are doing well, quite well, we are going to the end of the year, October, November, December and the three months of the year are going to be the best of a good year, I tell you, if the announcements, October November and December are going to be months of work and economic growth for all Venezuelans, for all sectors.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro Let us collectively assume responsibilities, we are in the presence of a new stage of Venezuela, a new stage. To the United States of America, I say, we have always wanted and we want relationships of respect in diversity, to the decision-makers of Ameri-

can power I say, cease your hatred against the Bolivarian ideal, against the revolutionary project, against independent Venezuela. and sovereign; Cease your hatred, your desire for revenge, cease the interventionist vision that has been used at different stages on Venezuela and Latin America, let us turn the page, let us rebuild a relationship of respect, of cooperation, yes, of cooperation for peace, coexistence of the entire Western Hemisphere, of the entire American-Caribbean continent. This is my message to the decision-makers, to those in power and to the government of the United States of America, we as Bolivarians, we as continuers of the legacy of Commander Hugo Chávez, we are as he always wanted, prepared for a new stage with the United States of America, of respect, equality and progress in another scheme.

I always explain to him, Jorge Rodríguez has been a witness, Delcy, Cilia, Foreign Minister Yván Gil who arrived from Russia and Belarus, have witnessed multiple meetings of mine, with delegations that arrive from the north, since the time of Obama, who came quite Thomas Shannon to Venezuela, remember? Thomas Shannon came quite often and we met for long hours, since the time of Trump, with whom we also had contacts and long meetings, delegations that he sent and our head of delegation Jorge Rodríguez, well, he has a complete book about that, some things were leaked to the American press after and since this time of Biden.

I have had three presidents of the United States, the Bolivarian revolution has had different levels of relationship, first with Clinton, Bill Clinton, excellent relations with the United States, Clinton-Chávez, always with differences, of course we have geopolitical differences, in criteria, from vision, it is the most natural.

Then came George Bush and George Bush in 8 years was determined to overthrow Chávez, but there were diplomatic relations with ambassadors there and here, and permanent contacts. After Bush came Obama, with all the hope that Obama meant for Latin America, the Caribbean and for the world and we could say that there was a relationship during the time of our commander Chávez, of dialogue, I was chancellor, of permanent contacts.

Then came the madness of the decree of March 9, 2015, declaring Venezuela an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security of the United States; a declaration of war then.

Obama told me when we spoke in Panama on April 11, 2015, almost a month after he issued that unfortunate decree, Obama told me, looking at my face, like the two of us talking, there was Cilita present, there was Delcy, You were chancellor, Delcy was there, Cilita was there, looking at my face, Obama told me: That was a mistake, Maduro, and we are going to correct it. And I told him, the problem Obama - I have told this to half the world on this planet -, I told him: The problem Obama is not

you perhaps, it is that you open a door for whoever could come after who tried to sanction or invade Venezuela. Prophetic word unfortunately. Then came the Trump era and all the extremist aggression against Venezuela, requested by these people, by Leopoldo López, by Juan Guaidó, by Julio Borges and by all of them, it is the same combo, the same extremist group that intends now blackmail Venezuela again. Venezuela is unsinkable, unsinkable, and your blackmail will be defeated by peace, the Constitution and the united people of Venezuela, wherever you come we will be there, planted.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro And all the aggression, but always with Trump, including when I went to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2018.

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Head of the Delegation of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the Barbados Dialogue Table, deputy Jorge Rodríguez 19.

President Nicolás Maduro No 18. 19 no, because in <19 the president was Guaidó.

Assistants [laughs].

President Nicolás Maduro An unrecognizable adventure, right? They tried to blackmail us for 4 years saying that there was a fictitious puppet president. Let them not again pretend to want to appoint a puppet again, to return to destabilization. What happened to Guaidó? He crashed into the Venezuelan reality, dried up and is now in the garbage dump of history, a fugitive from justice, alone and despised, absolutely despised by everyone, by those who used him as a puppet. That's what they do, they use someone as a puppet and kick them, the extreme right, with Trump too. When I went to New York that time, for 4 days, you were a minister and Cilita was also there, they called us from the White House for a meeting with Donald Trump and a time and day was set for a meeting with Trump, and then the group surrounding Trump: Boulton, Elliott Abrams and company, prevented him from meeting with me. I am sure that if Trump and I saw each other face to face, we would have resolved this issue in time and without so much pain and aggression against the people of Venezuela, I am sure of that, in time; but it was not possible, now all these officials who

went out and fought with Trump wrote books and left a record of what happened, why Trump did not meet with Maduro, even though he wanted to, if he wanted I wanted to, because speaking it is that One understands each other, then, and between people who have big differences is when we have to talk the most, always with respect.

And then comes the Biden era, and well, these agreements, these developments, and I hope that the United States of America has a clear picture of where Venezuela stands, of what the reality of our country is; and Venezuela, with these agreements and these decisions that have been made, enters the oil and gas market forcefully again in a progressive manner, in a progressive manner.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro We are moving forward progressively. The Executive Vice President also has some reflections, if she could share them with our people, colleague.

Executive Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Delcy Rodríguez Thank you President, it is information that the general oil and gas license also authorizes the Central Bank of Venezuela and the Bank of Venezuela, for financial transactions related to oil and gas operations. gas in our country, this also means, because yesterday a license was issued modifying what had to do with the license given to Trinidad and Tobago to export



gas from Venezuela; and this authorization that is being given to the Central Bank of Venezuela and the Bank of Venezuela will allow payment mechanisms to our country.

Without a doubt, President, as you have said, this license is a first step, it is also a first step to recompose international legality, towards economic, commercial and financial freedoms, because ultimately what is expressed here is the resistance victorious of the Venezuelan people in not recognizing any foreign jurisdiction, but the Venezuelan jurisdiction; but it is a sign that Venezuela and the Venezuelan people have always been right to say, we have the right to develop oil, we have the right to exploit gold, we have the right to export gas, which are the natural riches of our country.

So it is a great success for our country, President, we must congratulate all the efforts that have been made; and that this beginning of the recomposition of international legality allows, as you have said, the complete lifting of sanctions against Venezuela.

President Nicolás Maduro Correct, it is a path, we have to travel it, we have to fight it.

What is being written now in the field of diplomacy, truly is a diplomacy that transcends the usual, the traditional. This diplomacy goes towards the realm of creativity, this diplomacy is based on the principles of valuing peace, understanding, and international law, but fundamentally it points towards a diplomacy that allows us to build a new world. I always use it as an example, he said, he said, since Bolívar's time there were serious differences with the Monroe Doctrine; This year marks 200 years of the Monroe Doctrine, of America for Americans. A lot of water has passed under the bridge - as they say - in 200 years. Bolívar the giant of America, the greatest leader that an entire continent has ever had, there has not been another nor will there be, Simón Bolívar the Liberator of a continent, here we are in his living room, I always like to come here to invoke his presence and protection, your blessings, Father Liberator.

Our diplomacy is a Bolivarian diplomacy, because it seeks from dignity, from sovereignty, from independence,



from the pride of being Venezuelan, it seeks global justice, it seeks world peace, it seeks the respect of the countries of the world for our nation, to our people, to our people. A new history is being written in Venezuelan diplomacy and we are people of our word, what is discussed and agreed upon is fulfilled, what is written and signed is fulfilled, within the framework of the Constitution, within the framework of the laws. always.

We began this meeting by remembering the negotiation and agreement process 20 years ago, which led us to go through 20 years of dissimilar processes; The signing of this agreement, Dr. Jorge Rodríguez, led us directly, based on the Constitution, the laws and the Electoral Power, to the recall referendum of August 15, 2004, you were 4 years old, what year were you born?

Representative Genesis Garvett In '99.

President Nicolás Maduro 99, you were 4 years old, almost 5 years old; August 15, 2004, which was called by the Electoral Branch, despite the reservations that we fairly had, regarding fraud in the collection of signatures, the National Electoral Council then decided to call that recall referendum. And Commander Chávez, in compliance with the agreement signed on May 29, 2003 and in compliance with his ethics as a political, revolutionary, Bolivarian and moral leader, said: Let's go to a referendum. We went to the referendum and it

was one of the most spectacular and splendid victories that the people of Venezuela ever had in 200 years of the Republic.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro That referendum that was intended to be a recall and was a ratification, the people called it the “revolving” referendum, the coup plotters were left wallowing. And then it led us to the great victory of the National Assembly in 2005. And then it led us to the great presidential victory of 2006.

It means that these agreements based on Bolivarian peace diplomacy, agreements based on dialogue, are premonitory of great victories for the country. Therefore, I ratify my call for a great national conference for peace, for dialogue, for democracy, for economic growth; and let's get activated.

What remains for me is to congratulate you and all the work teams, my colleague Héctor Rodríguez, governor, is not present, correct, the Attorney General of the Republic, Reinaldo; I want to thank Jorge Rodríguez, Larry Devoe; to Reinaldo, Attorney General of the Republic, and to Héctor Rodríguez, because they have done a phenomenal job in building this path of dialogue, agreed.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro And on this path that must lead to the total lifting of sanctions on Venezuela, sooner rather than later, times of victory, times of victory, times of progress.

Attendees [applause].

President Nicolás Maduro Thank you very much for coming. Until victory always!

Assistants We will win!

President Nicolás Maduro See you soon. Thank you, congratulations, thank you very much.

Attendees [applause].

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