



CHAIR OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT



Communiqué of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Solidarity with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela after the Decision of the Government of the United States of America to Extend its Unilateral Coercive Measures

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, in line with its principled position of condemnation at the promulgation and application of unilateral coercive measures against countries of the Movement, which are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, rejects the latest decision of the Government of the United States of America, on 13 February 2017, to extend its unilateral coercive measures against nationals and entities from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
2. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement deplores these measures and reiterates its firm support and solidarity to the People and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in rejection of these measures, and, in line with its principled position, urges the Government of the United States of America to desist and repeal such coercive measures, which are contrary to international law, the UN Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States, including the Declaration of Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States, while affecting the spirit of dialogue and political understanding among nations.
3. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms the Declaration of Havana (2006) on the Purposes and Principles and the Role of the Non-Aligned Movement in the Present International Juncture, including its rejection of unconstitutional change of Governments.
4. The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement emphasizes once again the importance of dialogue to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and, in this regard, urge the Government of the United States and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to engage in constructive dialogue.

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