

An Open Letter to the People of the United States from President Nicolas Maduro

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This letter is addressed to the People of America. Please forward this text far and wide, across the land.

Americans can then make up their mind. Am I in favor or against the Trump administration’s resolve to intervene militarily against Venezuela?

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If I know anything, it is about people, such as you, I am a man of the people. I was born and raised in a poor neighborhood of Caracas. I forged myself in the heat of popular and union struggles in a Venezuela submerged in exclusion and inequality.

I am not a tycoon, I am a worker of reason and heart, today I have the great privilege of presiding over the new Venezuela, rooted in a model of inclusive development and social equality, which was forged by Commander Hugo Chávez since 1998 inspired by the Bolivarian legacy.



We live today a historical trance. There are days that will define the future of our countries between war and peace. Your national representatives of Washington want to bring to their borders the same hatred that they planted in Vietnam. They want to invade and intervene in Venezuela - they say, as they said then - in the name of democracy and freedom. But it’s not like that. The history of the usurpation of power in

Venezuela is as false as the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. It is a false case, but it can have dramatic consequences for our entire region.

Venezuela is a country that, by virtue of its 1999 Constitution, has broadly expanded the participatory and protagonist democracy of the people, and that is unprecedented today, as one of the countries with the largest number of electoral processes in its last 20 years. You might not like our ideology, or our appearance, but we exist and we are millions.

I address these words to the people of the United States of America to warn of the gravity and danger that intend some sectors in the White House to invade Venezuela with unpredictable consequences for my country and for the entire American region. President Donald Trump also intends to disturb noble dialogue initiatives promoted by Uruguay and Mexico with the support of CARICOM for a peaceful solution and dialogue in favour of Venezuela. We know that for the good of Venezuela we have to sit down and talk, because to refuse to dialogue is to choose strength as a way. Keep in mind the words of John F. Kennedy: "Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate".

Are those who do not want to dialogue afraid of the truth?



Nicolás Maduro ✓

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CARTA ABIERTA AL PUEBLO ESTADOUNIDENSE

Si algo sé es de pueblos, porque tal como ustedes soy un hombre de pueblo. Nací y crecí en un barrio pobre de Caracas. Me forjé al calor de las luchas populares y sindicales en una Venezuela sumida en la exclusión y la desigualdad. No soy un magnate, soy un trabajador de razón y de corazón, que hoy tengo el gran privilegio de presidir la nueva Venezuela, arraigada en un modelo de desarrollo inclusivo y de igualdad social, que forjó el Comandante Hugo Chávez desde 1998 inspirado en el legado bolivariano.

Vivimos hoy un trance histórico. Corren días que definirán el futuro de nuestros países entre la guerra y la paz. Vuestros representantes nacionales de Washington quieren traer a sus fronteras el mismo odio que sembraron en Vietnam. Quieren invadir e intervenir Venezuela -ellos dicen, como lo dijeron entonces- en nombre de la democracia y de la libertad. Pero no es así. La historia de la usurpación del poder en Venezuela es tan falsa como las armas de destrucción masiva en Irak. Es un caso falso pero que puede tener consecuencias dramáticas para nuestra región entera.

Venezuela es un país que por obra de su Constitución de 1999 ha expandido ampliamente la democracia participativa y protagónica del pueblo. y que de forma inédita es hoy uno de los países con mayor

para errarano de la gravedad y peligrosas que pretenden unos sectores en la Casa Blanca de invadir Venezuela, con consecuencias impredecibles para mi Patria y para toda la región americana. El Presidente Donald Trump pretende además perturbar nobles iniciativas de diálogo impulsadas por Uruguay y México con el apoyo del CARICOM para una solución pacífica y dialogada a favor de Venezuela. Sabemos que por el bien de Venezuela tenemos que sentarnos y dialogar, porque negarse a dialogar es elegir la fuerza como camino. Tengamos presente las palabras de John F. Kennedy: "Nunca negociemos por miedo. Pero nunca tengamos miedo a negociar". ¡Tendrán miedo a la verdad los que no quieren dialogar!

La intolerancia política hacia el modelo bolivariano venezolano y las apetencias por nuestros inmensos recursos petroleros, minerales y otras grandes riquezas, ha impulsado una coalición internacional encabezada por el gobierno de los EEUU para cometer la grave locura de agredir millantemente a Venezuela bajo la falsa excusa de una crisis humanitaria inexistente.

El pueblo de Venezuela ha sufrido dolorosamente heridas sociales causadas por un criminal bloqueo comercial y financiero, que ha sido agravado por el despojo y robo de nuestros recursos financieros y activos en países aliados con esta demental embesada. Y sin embargo, gracias a un novedoso sistema de protección social, de atención directa a sectores más vulnerables, con orgullo seguimos siendo un país con índice de desarrollo humano alto y menor desigualdad en América.

El pueblo estadounidense debe saber que esta compleja agresión multiforme se ejecuta con total impunidad y en franca violación a los valores, como lo hemos visto a lo largo de nuestra historia, sus políticos en Washington, en cambio, están dispuestos a enviar a sus hijos e hijas a morir en una guerra absurda, en lugar de respetar el derecho sagrado del pueblo venezolano a la autodeterminación y al resguardo de su soberanía.

Como ustedes, pueblo estadounidense, los venezolanos y venezolanas somos patriotas. Y defenderemos lo nuestro con todos los trozos de nuestra alma. Hoy Venezuela está unida en un solo clamor: exigimos el cese de la agresión que busca asfixiar nuestra economía y sofocar socialmente a nuestro pueblo, así como el cese de las graves y peligrosas amenazas de intervención militar contra Venezuela.

Apelamos al alma buena de la sociedad estadounidense, víctima de sus propios gobernantes, para que se unan a nuestro llamado por la paz, seamos un solo pueblo contra el belicismo y la guerra.

¡Que vivan los pueblos de América!

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The political intolerance towards the Venezuelan Bolivarian model and the desires for our immense oil resources, minerals and other great riches, has prompted an international coalition headed by the US government to commit the serious insanity of militarily attacking Venezuela under the false excuse of a non-existent humanitarian crisis.

The people of Venezuela have suffered painfully social wounds caused by a criminal commercial and financial blockade, which has been aggravated by the dispossession and robbery of our financial resources and assets in countries aligned with this demented onslaught.

And yet, thanks to a new system of social protection, of direct attention to the most vulnerable sectors, we proudly continue to be a country with a high human development index and low inequality in the Americas.

The American people must know that this complex multiform aggression is carried out with total impunity and in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations, which expressly outlaws the threat or use of force, among other principles and purposes for the sake of peace and the friendly relations between Nations.

We want to continue being business partners of the people of the United States, as we have been throughout our history. Their politicians in Washington, on the other hand, are willing to send their sons and daughters to die in an absurd war, instead of respecting the sacred right of the Venezuelan people to self-determination and safeguarding their sovereignty.

Like you, people of the United States, we Venezuelans are patriots. And we shall defend our homeland with all the pieces of our soul.

Today Venezuela is united in a single clamor: we demand the cessation of the aggression that seeks to suffocate our economy and socially suffocate our people, as well as the cessation of the serious and dangerous threats of military intervention against Venezuela.

We appeal to the good soul of American society, victim of its own leaders, to join our call for peace, let us be all one people against warmongering and war.

Long live the peoples of America!

Nicolás Maduro

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