



WORLD SOLIDARITY ACTION DAY WITH VENEZUELA

APRIL 19, 2018

The Committee of International Solidarity (COSI), a Venezuelan organisation which has been a member of the Executive Committee of the WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) since 1972, denounces the new imperialist offensive which is building against the people of Venezuela, as well as the very real threat of President Trump himself and of a military intervention, as expressions of an aggressive and dangerous new onslaught of US imperialism which is now using armed threats against us.

This intention of Trump is part of the global tactics developed by imperialism in its attempt to rebuild its hegemony and control over the entire world. In general, these actions are directed against the entire Latin American and Caribbean region, against the new unifying experiences of the peoples in the region such as **CELAC, UNASUR, ALBA, MERCOSUR** and **PETROCARIBE**, who build their regional policies in a sovereign manner without North American interference. These actions are particularly directed against Venezuela for our important role in the construction of these organisms, as well as for the global resonance of our critical positions and denouncement of imperialism on the international scene, including those of their excesses and abuses over the sovereign rights of peoples who have decided to be free and prosperous. Such international denouncements have caused an arrogant, aggressive, warmongering and provocative response from imperialism in defense of their bourgeois lackeys and politicians of the criminal and fascist right in Venezuela.

COSI is grateful for the support and solidarity with the people and the government of the Venezuelan process, which the international forces of peace and progress have clearly expressed through messages on social networks and by emails; as well as through representatives of organizations from around the world attending the Second International Solidarity Meeting "**VENEZUELA SOMOS TODOS**" that took place in March of this year in the city of Caracas.

We appreciate all the statements issued by the **WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC)**, the **WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (WFDY)**, the **WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU)**, the **WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (WIDF)**, **UNASUR, CELAC**, the **MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (NAM)**, **ALBA**, the **LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CONTINENTAL ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS (OCLAE)** and the **BOLIVARIAN CONTINENTAL MOVEMENT (MCB)**, as well as dozens of **POLITICAL PARTIES** and **SOCIAL AND POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FIVE CONTINENTS**.

Up to now, our **President NICOLÁS MADURO together with the Venezuelan people, the revolutionary political organizations, the social movements and peoples of the world**, have managed to counteract the strategies of imperialism and specifically the right and neo-fascist far right in their attempts to forcibly overthrow the popular and democratic government of Venezuela, but the imperialist offensive is just beginning, for this we call on the international forces of peace and progress to show solidarity with Venezuela and to actively manifest it in concrete actions from today to the **April 19th, which has been declared** by the **COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY (COSI)** since 2015 as "**WORLD SOLIDARITY DAY WITH VENEZUELA**".

In this regard, we urge the organizations to heed the call to the **WORLD ACTION DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELA**, for the next **APRIL 19th**, with the objective of sending a clear message of their support and solidarity with Venezuela from different countries of the world, with the objective of give a clear and forceful message to imperialism, to demonstrate and ratify that **VENEZUELA IS NOT ALONE**, in defense of democracy and the presidential election of May 20, 2018, and to support international observation during **during the electoral processes that constitute a standard of total transparency and security considered unique in the world**.

Friends, compatriots and comrades we count on your support and active solidarity, we extend a fraternal greeting from the homeland of **SIMÓN BOLÍVAR** and **HUGO CHÁVEZ**, affirming that our people will continue to fight to guarantee that **VENEZUELA** and our region of **LATIN AMERICA** and **THE CARIBBEAN** will be consolidated as a peaceful, free, independent, and sovereign region, far from the war-like ambitions of US imperialism. Reiterating our call of February 28, 2018.

Committee of International Solidarity (COSI), Caracas, Monday, April 2, 2018.