



April 19 – World Day of Action in Solidarity with Venezuela

Context:

Fierce global struggles are currently being waged in a simultaneous fashion for the control of the world's strategic resources, new markets, trade routes, available workforce and scientific-technical advances, all with the aim of taking the lead in the inter-imperialist competition being developed.

In parallel with this competition, which in itself determines the behaviour of international forces, for the first time in a long time humanity also faces the outbreak of a pandemic. This pandemic plagues countries more seriously where the capitalist system, under the management of neoliberal governments, looks to save the economy and protect the health of the monopolies.

This new situation has already shown what is to come in terms of the harsh consequences for the global economy, which will translate into deteriorated material living conditions for the peoples of the world. According to the latest report by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a contraction of more than 100% of global growth is expected. Should this be the case, this will ensure that tensions will only be raised between the central powers as they compete to prevent their economies from receding further.

These confrontations can already be seen in the context of the dispute over loans from international financial organizations. With the aim of ensuring the survival of large multinationals, piracy and banditry have been recurrent in ensuring the supply of basic supplies in order to meet the health emergency. These facts demonstrate the barbarity to which we would be condemned if we fail to concentrate our efforts on overcoming the current world order.



It is possible that humanity is at the gates of a new global military confrontation, with high possibilities that nuclear weapons be used. These weapons have destructive capacities which threaten life itself, just as they did 75 years ago, with the end of the II Great Imperialist War in 1945. We the progressive forces and defenders of peace continue to insist that US imperialism is the main promoter of wars, a reality which is clearer now than ever before.

Venezuela finds itself at the centre of these tensions. Its vast resources make it part of the strategic objectives of imperialist forces. Our energy reserves, minerals, water and biodiversity all constitute an immense deposit of resources that, in the hands of monopolies, would ensure that future systematic crises are managed in better material conditions.

Imperialist forces in the US and Europe, alongside their allies, have not ceased in their aggression against Venezuela. Their interference continues to be expressed in all political, economic, social and even military areas, and is part of a general and sustained offensive that seeks to create the conditions for the destabilization of the Bolivarian process and the imposition of a servile government which works in favour of US interests and which is complacent in the handing over of the nation's resources.

*A few days ago a document was released by the US State Department called "**Framework for a Democratic Transition in Venezuela.**" The content of this document implies the unconditional surrender of the legitimately elected government in Venezuela and the formation of a transitional council. The document also urges our military forces to violate the Constitution and form a new coalition government with pro-imperialist forces.*



Prior to this, and as part of the actions that are directed against the country, on March 26 the US Attorney General, as spokesman of the Department of Justice, accused the president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, as well as other senior government and armed forces officials, of illicit drug trafficking. These accusations represent a clear example of interference, violation of international law, ignoring of sovereignty and disrespect for people's inalienable right to self-determination. Rewards for the capture of these officials, or information leading to their capture were offered. We denounce that this act of provocation seeks to create a false positive (false flag) and to support a dossier that legitimises intervention.

With this argument, US military positions on the continent have been strengthened. The presence of the US Fourth Fleet and the US Southern Command close to Venezuela's territorial waters seeks to consolidate a naval blockade, making it impossible to sell oil or import food, medicine, raw materials and supplies which are necessary today to address the COVID-19 emergency.

Equally, the upsurge in the blockade against Venezuela by expanding unilateral coercive measures (sanctions), which have already resulted in losses of \$12 billion to the country and which seek to stifle the economy, strangle the productive apparatus and limit its capacity to act, represents in practice a continued and systematic genocide by the countries that impose and support these measures against Venezuela.

In light of this situation, we call on the democratic, progressive, anti-imperialist and peace loving forces to join us this April 19 in the World Day of Action in Solidarity with Venezuela, to reject imperialist aggression and threats, to denounce interference, demand the cessation of the blockade against our country, and to defend our right to peace and our national sovereignty.



Proposed Action Plan

1. *Emit global declarations rejecting war against Venezuela, demanding an end to the blockade, and calling for the greatest solidarity, signed by all the forces that accompany this initiative.*

2. *Preparation of posters with the central slogan:*

Unity of the People to Defend Peace

3. *Preparation of short videos of no more than 3 minutes in solidarity with Venezuela.*

4. *Preparation of digital press releases.*

5. *Social Media Offensive: * Twitter; Facebook; Instagram; Youtube.*

- *2 Twitter campaigns with the hashtag **#NoMasBloqueo***
- ***Mention @realDonaldTrump demanding that he stop the war against Venezuela.***
- ***Mention @Elliott_Abrams denouncing the criminal unilateral coercive measures against Venezuela***

6. *Broadcast of 3 Video Conferences with the following topics:*

- *An imperialist war against Venezuela threatens world peace.*
- *Unilateral coercive measures, weapon of mass destruction.*
- *Latin America as a Zone of Peace.*

7. *Participation in media outlets via online.*