

# *ALBA Rejects Illegal U.S. Sanctions Against Venezuela*

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Caracas, August 9 (RHC)-- The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, ALBA, has rejected the illegal sanctions imposed on Venezuela by the United States.

Speaking during the Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the ALBA-TCP Political Council in Caracas on Tuesday, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro Moros reaffirmed that together member states “will fight for the defense of the unity of the peoples of the Greater Homeland.”

The Venezuelan president thanked ALBA for calling the extraordinary meeting and urged participants to consolidate progress made in large-scale integration projects being undertaken by the multilateral organization, “in keeping with the principles we embrace: cooperation and profound solidarity.”

He also noted the people can only achieve their ultimate goals through unity and in this regard, called on ALBA to establish mechanisms of dialogue to contribute to preserving the organization’s founding principles.

The Venezuelan leader highlighted the importance of cultural and diplomatic cooperation directed toward building a strong and collective economic foundation. He also noted that the Organization of American States, the OAS, has failed and will continue to fail in its attempts to interfere in Venezuela’s internal affairs.

Addressing the ALBA meeting, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez demanded that all those interfering in the country's internal affairs take their "hands off Venezuela." He also congratulated the Bolivarian people for their victory last July 30th, when eight million Venezuelans went to the polls to vote for the National Constituent Assembly.

ALBA Secretary General David Choquehuanca, presented the ALBA-TCP final declaration which rejects illegal sanctions imposed by the United States on Venezuela.

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