

Venezuelan foreign minister calls U.S. aims "politics of death";



United Nations, February 27 (RHC)-- Following a request from the United States, the UN Security Council held an urgent session on Tuesday to discuss Venezuela and its internal political situation. This was the second session of the Security Council held to discuss the political situation in Venezuela following a meeting on January 26th.

Representatives from the United States, France, United Kingdom, Russia, China, Poland, Peru, The Dominican Republic, Belgium, South Africa, Kuwait, Germany, Indonesia, and Venezuela spoke to the international delegation.

Despite the position held by some countries opposed to the Venezuelan Government, their representatives have reiterated the rejection of the use of force by U.S. authorities.

Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza called the international aggression a threat to Venezuela's sovereignty and the rights of a free people as well as a violation of the United Nations charter.

"Now is the time for us to return to sanity and respect international law and respect the Venezuelan constitution. We are waiting to see the members of the Venezuelan opposition. Mr. Guaido and whoever else. They will decide who will sit down with the constitutional government of Venezuela. Then, among Venezuelans, we can build our own solution. Without intervention or interference from anyone, much less the United States," Arreaza said.

The Bolivarian official thanked the members of the Montevideo Mechanism for their support for peaceful dialogue and allowing the country to solve its differences domestically.

"We are prepared to sit down and to come up with solutions with Mr. Guaido and whoever else wishes to sit down with us, but they don't want to sit down with us. They say there is no time for dialogue, Mr. Maduro has to go, the regime has to change, there has to be an invasion in Venezuela. But there's no call in this Security Council to say: 'You have to sit down,'" the foreign minister said.

Arreaza asked UN Security Council members to consider the fact that the United States is threatening to shoot migrants along its southern border and what would happen if Venezuela, Nicaragua, or Cuba -- all countries which have been burdened with U.S. intervention -- were to intervene, citing a "humanitarian crisis."

Jorge Arreaza said: "What would the U.S. do if Cuba and Nicaragua attempted to enter their country, to provide aid for the humanitarian crisis that is clearly taking place at the U.S. border."

"Venezuela is staying out of the internal affairs of the United States and the electoral campaign here... There's a lot of hypocrisy and arrogance at play here. And this is what the UN Security Council should address.

"The Security Council is not here to make war, the Security Council is not here to establish conditions for others to make war, the Council is not here to endorse violent breaches of the United Nations Charter. Rather the Security Council is here to maintain international peace and security and to preserve future generations from the scourge of war. Let's save Venezuela and this generation because the threat of war is here today," Arreaza said.

Arreaza's arguments were supported by a number of countries, among them the Russian representative, who stated that "Washington's sole aim was not resolving the problems of Venezuela. Their aim is regime change through foreign intervention."

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