

# *Venezuela calls for end to capitalist model to fight climate change*

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Madrid, December 11 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza stressed on Tuesday that there needs to be a change in the capitalist model in order to stop the climatic emergency facing the planet, a situation that he described as "an environmental catastrophe."

Arreaza spoke before the United Nations Conference on Climate Change 2019 (COP25), held in Madrid, Spain. Venezuela's top diplomat said: "Our country calls on the international community to assume a development model of greater sustainability." Arreaza also urged the international community to renew its commitment to multilateralism and international law in all areas, to thereby avoid the onslaught of consumption patterns and neoliberalism.

"The planet has been a victim of the capitalist model and its patterns of consumption and production, its relationship with the modes of production associated with neoliberalism and the financial kidnapping of the world order." Furthermore, the Venezuelan foreign minister blamed the United States for acting with profound irresponsibility by invigorating the global climate conflict through the emission of greenhouse gases and evading its performance in this climatic reality.

"The U.S. is one of the main actors in the global climate conflict with an estimate of 15 percent of the emission of greenhouse gases and, despite this, it intends to exclude itself from our common and collective policies," said Venezuela's top diplomat.

Jorge Arreaza concluded: "Let's not change the weather, let's change the system."

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