

# *Venezuelan Government and Opposition Agree to Resume Talks*

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Caracas, April 23 (RHC) – The Venezuelan government and opposition delegations have agreed to meet for a fresh round of talks.

"We have a date, Thursday, but we still do not have a time and place," Ramon Guillermo Avelado of the opposition Democratic Unity (MUD) coalition said on Tuesday. Avelado said that "some progress has been made" in the previous rounds of negotiations.

The two sides held talks for the first time on April 7th, followed by a first-time televised meeting on April 10th between President Nicolas Maduro and opposition leaders.

It was a first step towards defusing the ongoing political unrest in the Latin American country, which has witnessed more than two months of street violence perpetuated by radical opposition groups that seek to overthrow the government of President Nicolas Maduro.

There was another meeting on April 15th, during which Caracas accepted the opposition's demand to broaden a truth commission probing the unrest. The government had initially wanted the commission to

include lawmakers only, but it accepted the opposition requests to add outside figures.

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