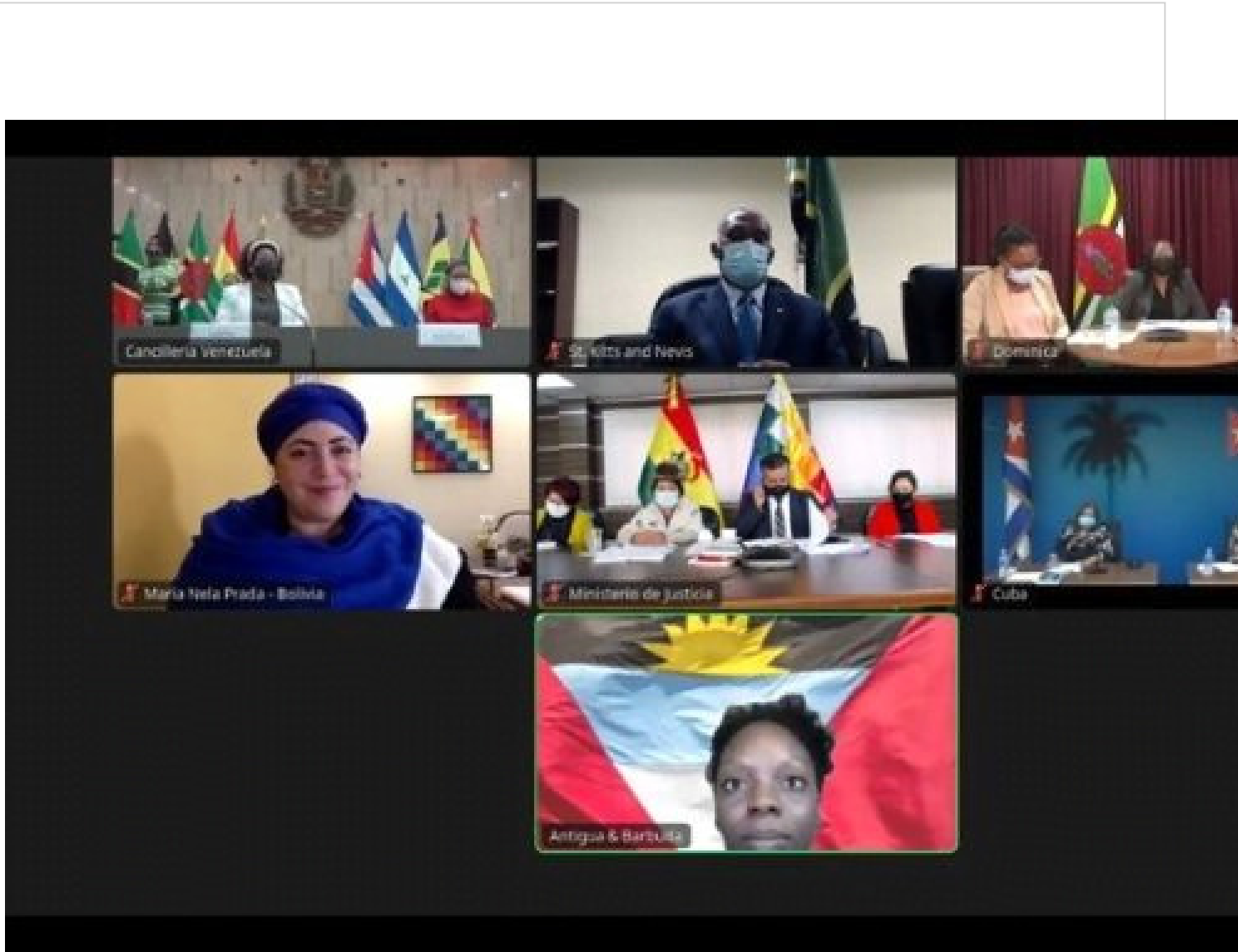


# *ALBA-TCP highlights progress made by women in Latin America and the Caribbean*



**The minister of St. Vincent Grenadines, in her speech, warned about the domestic violence that persists in the region | Photo: ALBA-TCP**

Caracas, April 7 (RHC)-- Leaders of groups related to women's and gender issues of ALBA-TCP -- the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America/People's Trade Treaty -- met on-line Wednesday. The virtual meeting was held to evaluate the progress and challenges in the construction of a more just,

egalitarian society without exclusion for the member countries of the regional alliance.

Venezuela's Minister of Gender Equality, Carolys Pérez, pointed out that ALBA-TCP has been a platform for the integration of Latin American and Caribbean countries that emphasizes integration, solidarity and cooperation.

"From Venezuela, we express our concern for the multiple crises humanity is going through, marked by the pandemic -- which greatly affects women and girls in their health and education," said Carolys Pérez, who denounced the imposition of unilateral coercive measures by the United States against Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua. "We firmly reject the blockade against these countries that have decided to go against the current and work for a better world," she added.

Likewise, the Minister of the Presidency of Bolivia, María Nela Prada, pointed out that it is important to recall the leading role of women in the vindication of their rights. The Bolivian politician highlighted the creation of spaces constituted by women workers and students for the consolidation of political, economic and social rights "necessary to promote the transformations of our governments."

The Assistant Secretary for National Policies of the Presidency of Nicaragua, Marta Helena Ruiz Sevilla, noted that since 2007, the Central American country has been developing a new social model based on the inclusion of the historically excluded, including women.

In relation to inclusion, said the Nicaraguan representative, policies of redistribution, participation, protagonism, empowerment and voluntarism are applied. In local governments, the minister explained, 47 percent are women mayors, 51 women deputy mayors and 49 women councilors.

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