

Venezuela presents report on damages caused by U.S. blockade



Accompanying Delcy Rodríguez were Foreign Minister Félix Plasencia and the Venezuelan delegate to the international human rights system, Larry Devoe | Photo: @leoneleSUR

Caracas, August 25 (RHC)-- The Executive Vice President of Venezuela, Delcy Rodríguez, presented a report on the damages caused to Venezuela by the U.S. blockade. At a press conference, Delcy Rodríguez presented the case known as "Venezuela II" in which the Bolivarian government denounces the United States before the International Criminal Court (ICC) for crimes against humanity.

"A report containing evidence of the damage caused by the unilateral coercive measures against the Venezuelan people was delivered Monday before the International Criminal Court," she said.

"Specifically, on February 13, 2020, we referred to the Office of the Prosecutor a case, given that there are reasonable grounds to believe that crimes of murder, persecution, extermination and other inhumane acts have been committed against the Venezuelan civilian population," said Delcy Rodriguez.

The Venezuelan vice president stated that the crimes committed against her people were known to the authorities of the U.S. Government and that these actions are qualified as crimes against humanity by the Rome Statute.

At the same time, she pointed out that the measures, despite being applied in the territory of the U.S., their effects are felt in Venezuela, thus ratifying their extraterritoriality and illegality, as they violate the state jurisdiction of the country.

Rodriguez presented some of the declarations of U.S. officials which prove that they knew about the actions against the country to cause the collapse of its economy.

The report includes texts of a communiqué of the State Department, statements of the former Secretary of Homeland Security, John Bolton; words of the former U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela William Brownfield and of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, among others.

The Venezuelan government representative commented on the role of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in recommending to the Government the battery of measures that, together with the declaration by the Obama Administration in March 2015, of Venezuela as a threat to U.S. national security, are the basis for the illegal sanctions against the country.

"Venezuela, in a short period of time of five years ranks fifth in the highest number of unilateral coercive measures compared to other countries," out of more than thirty in the same situation, he said.

Among those affected by the measures, Venezuela registers 192 people, 150 companies (10 state-owned and 140 private), 69 vessels, 30 oil tankers, 58 aircrafts, among others.

Rodriguez was accompanied by Foreign Minister Felix Plasencia and the Venezuelan delegate to the international human rights system, Larry Devoe.

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