

# *Evo Morales praises leaders not attending Americas Summit*

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On May 3, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Brian Nichols, announced that Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela "will not receive invitations" to the Summit of the Americas, under the accusation that these countries do not respect the democratic charter of the Americas.

"We highlight the brave decision of our President Luis Arce, [President Andrés Manuel] López Obrador, [of] Mexico and Caribbean countries that in protest against the exclusion of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua will not attend the Summit of the Americas, which will be a U.S. Summit of subjugation, blackmail and chastisement," the former president said via Twitter.

Evo Morales also said in this regard that "faced with the U.S. exclusion of countries freed from its hegemony, how good it would be for Bolivia to withdraw from the OAS [the Organization of American States]"

In a tweet issued on Sunday, the former president said that, in this way, his country would ratify its anti-imperialist position, as well as, Bolivia's sovereignty and independence, but also the identity, dignity and freedom of his nation.

The former president of Bolivia, Evo Morales, suggested this Sunday that his country withdraw from the Organization of American States (OAS) due to the exclusion of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua from the Summit of the Americas.

According to the White House Press Secretary, Jen Psaki, the invitations to the summit have not yet been sent and this process could take place in June. The event will be held in Los Angeles, California, between June 6 and 10, focusing on "Building a sustainable, resilient, and equitable future" for the hemisphere.

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