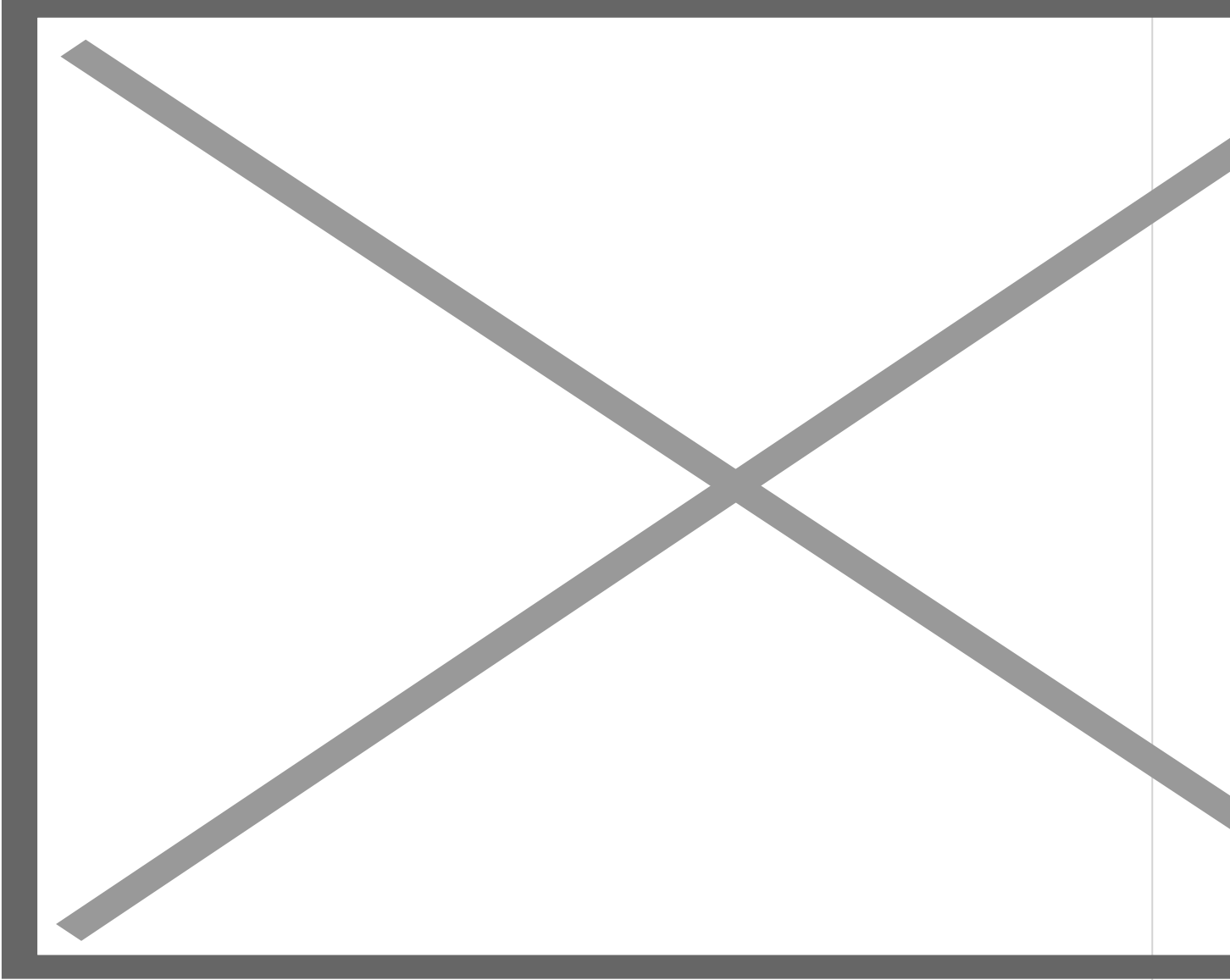


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Caracas, July 18 (RHC) -- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro expressed Monday the desire to advance in relations of respect and shared work with all of Europe to return to a new stage with those countries.

"Europe, listen to me, with respect and with mode, everything is possible," the head of state stressed during his Monday program Con Maduro +, commenting on the participation of Executive Vice President Delcy Rodríguez in the Third Summit of the European Union -EU-, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States -Celac.

The ruler said that he sent the vice-president to the two-day meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to bring the voice and the truth of the Bolivarian Republic, as well as to demand the end of sanctions and blockade and to demand respect.

"Hopefully we can move towards new relations with all of Europe", of respect and shared work, is what I most wish for us to go to a new stage with those countries, she stressed.

Speaking on Monday at the People's Summit, which is taking place parallel to the EU-Celac meeting, the vice-president said that President Nicolás Maduro is not bent over and the Venezuelan people are standing upright.

If there is one thing you can be certain of, it is that, I tell you with humility, they will not pass, in "Venezuela fascism will not pass", she assured.

Rodriguez recalled that 2019 saw the beginning of a dangerous process of aggression against the country as they had never known before, with the beginning of an unprecedented "criminal blockade".

In his television and radio program, Maduro commented on the statements made by opposition leader Juan Guaidó, now resident in the United States, who called for new sanctions against Venezuela.

What he provokes is to tell Guaidó: "go to the... place where you belong. What you are is a tremendous bandit, a traitor to the homeland, a failure, a traitor to the homeland, asking for sanctions from Miami," he said.

The President remarked that he left as "the rat that you are", and someday you will have to pay for everything you did. I call on the people of Venezuela to repudiate this "failed rat called Juan Guaidó", he emphasized.

On the contrary, he praised the position taken by Manuel Rosales, leader of the Nuevo Tiempo party, who in a message advocated for peace. I think it is very good that Rosales is on the path of sending the message of peace and coexistence, that the opposition should never again take the path of violence", he emphasized.

He acknowledged that he does not interfere in the internal processes of the opposition, do what they want to do (in reference to the internal elections), but I am attentive to the signals they send here and there, he affirmed when referring to the recent insinuations of some opponents to call for violence.

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