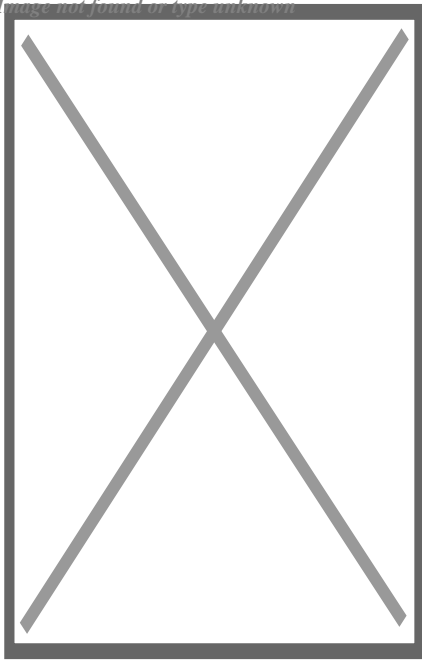


Venezuela's National Electoral Council rejects European Union's aggressive and interventionist attitude

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Caracas, May 29 (RHC)-- The National Electoral Council (CNE) of Venezuela rejected this Wednesday the aggressive and interventionist attitude of the European Union (EU) in matters that, such as the presidential elections on July 28th, are the exclusive responsibility of the South American nation and its people.

In a statement from the Electoral Power, one of the five recognized by the Venezuelan Constitution, its president, Elvis Amoroso, repudiated "the insolent statement from the European Union" on the electoral oversight program, a statement that he described as "a new interventionist action that intends to interfere in the decisions of the Venezuelan National Electoral Council."

He stated that "no foreign body has the power to decide on the electoral oversight program." He recalled that he revoked the invitation to the EU to participate in that process due to its hostile attitude and demanded that it lift its unilateral restrictive measures if it wishes to participate in the electoral processes of the homeland of Bolívar and Chávez.

He accused the European Union of continuing to behave as a biased and aggressive actor, disrupting the electoral processes, while maintaining "the illegal and illegitimate application of coercive, unilateral and genocidal measures, with the sole objective of causing harm to the Venezuelan population."

And the head of the National Electoral Council ratified that as long as the EU "does not lift all of the coercive, unilateral and genocidal sanctions imposed against the people of Venezuela, which affect their children, women, the elderly, the sick, students and businessmen, their presence in any electoral process will not be welcome."

They must stop "their hostility, the neocolonial practices, the siege and interventionism they exercise in the internal affairs of Venezuela," the CNE demanded.

Likewise, he stressed that the July 28th election "will have an extensive program of oversight and support from dozens of prestigious international organizations, as well as more than 250 personalities, to proudly show the world our robust Electoral System, which has become one of the main guarantees of Venezuelan democracy and an example for the world.

Earlier this week, through a statement, the EU expressed disagreement with the sovereign decision of the CNE to revoke its invitation to participate in the oversight of the elections. They considered the decision by Venezuela as "unilateral" and dared that the Venezuelan people should be able to elect their president in what he called "credible, transparent and competitive elections, backed by international observation," with which the bloc clearly joined the aggressive discourse of the right.

When announcing that it revoked the invitation to the EU for oversight, the CNE explained that the European bloc not only maintains a battery of sanctions that cause considerable damage to Venezuelan families, but also ratified them on May 13th.

The Electoral Power considered that it would be immoral to allow the EU to participate in the elections knowing its neocolonial practices and its interventionism against Venezuela. In addition, he demanded the lifting of the unilateral restrictive measures.

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