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"Celebration of the 20 years of the founding of ALBA-TCP"

"An embrace that marks the course of our history"

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, on December 14, 2024, within the framework of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of ALBA-TCP:

Reaffirming our strong commitment to the Cuba-Venezuela Joint Declaration and the Agreement for the implementation of ALBA, as well as the accession documents of The member countries, which constitute the birth certificate of this great Bolivarian Alliance that today celebrates twenty years of achievements, conquests and goals to be met,

Convinced that the only way to confront and defeat the challenges imposed by the current international order, unjust and exclusive, particularly for developing nations, is through the integration, solidarity and union of our peoples,

1. We commemorate with profound Our American sentiment the thirtieth anniversary of that embrace between Commanders Hugo Chávez Frías and Fidel Castro Ruz, which marked the course of the contemporary history of Latin America and the Caribbean. We remember that young soldier full of ideas, goals and dreams, who fulfilled his dream of meeting a fundamental figure of dignity and resistance for the entire Latin American and Caribbean continent, as was Commander Fidel Castro Ruz.

2. We celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of our great Latin American and Caribbean integration and union alliance, historic and unprecedented, with an emphasis on the social dimension, which from its conception took the human being as its foundation and epicenter of integration, and committed itself to forming relationships based on solidarity, complementarity, justice and cooperation.

3. We reaffirm our inescapable commitment and responsibility to cover the needs and defend the interests of our peoples, to whom we owe ourselves, always adhering to the internal legal order and respect for the norms of International Law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

4. We ratify our unwavering commitment to the defense of democratic values, respect for the popular will expressed at the polls and the promotion of inclusive political systems that guarantee the active participation of all sectors of society. We strongly condemn the use of hate speech, disinformation and polarizing strategies that seek to destabilize our democracies, erode peaceful coexistence among our peoples and achieve coups d'état.

5. We emphasize the importance of re-launching and deepening the founding principles and values ??of ALBA-TCP, in a challenging world in which fascism and neo-fascism threaten the right of peoples to enjoy peace.

6. We ratify the importance and our commitment to defend the "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace" which, 10 years after its approval at the II CELAC Summit in Havana, Cuba, in January 2014, remains fully valid.

7. We reaffirm our conviction to build foreign policies that prioritize depatriarchalization, climate justice and decolonization as fundamental principles for the transformation of our societies. We advocate for the eradication of all forms of oppression and discrimination based on gender, ethnicity or culture, promoting systems of justice and coexistence that respect the dignity and rights of all people, in harmony with our Mother Earth and indigenous peoples.

8. We strongly reject the arbitrary, illegal and criminal unilateral coercive measures imposed by the United States government against Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua. These actions seriously affect the well-being and prosperity of our peoples and constitute a systematic aggression aimed at imposing an agenda aligned with their geopolitical interests. They also represent a flagrant violation of International Law and the United Nations Charter.

9. We reiterate our strong condemnation of the genocidal and illegal economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the government of the United States of America against Cuba and highlight the historic support of the member states of the Alliance for the United Nations General Assembly Resolution "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States of

America against Cuba.”

10. We demand the exclusion of Cuba from the spurious and arbitrary unilateral list of countries that supposedly sponsor terrorism, drawn up by the United States Department of State, which has a negative impact on all spheres of Cuban society and on the well-being of its people, by intensifying the criminal economic war and increasing the difficulties in entering international trade, carrying out financial operations and acquiring basic supplies.

11. We reaffirm the just claim to receive reparations and compensation for colonialism, the horrors of slavery, transatlantic human trafficking and the genocide perpetrated against indigenous populations.

12. We repudiate the demands for access to financing for the development of the peoples of the South, with the imposition of a vision that does not take into account the vulnerabilities to the negative impacts of climate change, especially for small island developing States.

13. We agree to coordinate a joint strategy to defend the inalienable right of the people of Haiti to enjoy peace and the authentic exercise of their sovereignty and independence in multilateral spaces such as CELAC.

14. We express our strongest support for the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and full independence as a Latin American and Caribbean nation. We accompany the people of Puerto Rico in their struggle for independence and national sovereignty.

15. We express our strongest repudiation and condemnation of the terrorist actions perpetrated by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, and its responsibility for perpetuating a spiral of violence and destabilization in the region. These actions have caused the death of citizens of different nationalities and the brutal murder of thousands of innocent civilians, including children, the elderly and women, triggering one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes of our time. In this regard, we approve the Special Communiqué on Palestine attached to this Declaration.

16. We renew our aspirations for the fall of imperialism and the emergence of a new multipolar order, marked by relations of respect and cooperation for the economic, political and social development of the peoples of the entire world. We applaud the fundamental role of the BRICS and the entry of some countries of our Alliance into this block of countries, as a positive step on the road to prosperity for our continent.

17. We gladly accompany the preparations for the Bicentennial of Bolivia, today the Plurinational State of Bolivia, which in 2025 will commemorate 200 years of Independence, resistance and struggle. We celebrate its history, forging its identity over generations together with the 36 Indigenous, Originary and Peasant Nations, as a democratic, free and sovereign country.

200 years after the call of the Liberator Simón Bolívar to the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama and the glorious victory of the Battle of Ayacucho, we raise our flags of freedom, independence and sovereignty to continue fighting for the union of the interests and relations of the Latin American and Caribbean peoples, accompanied by the libertarian spirit of Simón Bolívar, José Martí, José de San Martín, Antonio José de Sucre, Bernardo O'Higgins, Alexandre Pétion, Francisco Morazán, Augusto Calderón Sandino, Maurice Bishop, Marcus Garvey, Túpac Katari, Bartolina Sisa, Joseph Chatoyer and other heroes, with our Bolivarian, Martian and Sandinista doctrines, in a resounding rejection of the postulates of the Monroe Doctrine.

Caracas, December 14, 2024

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