

US 'Disappointed' by Support for Venezuela over Sanctions



Washington, April 06 (teleSUR-RHC) The U.S. under-secretary of state for Latin America stated on Friday she was “disappointed” by the reaction of the Latin American countries to sanctions and the “national security threat” decree recently adopted by Washington against Venezuela.

“I am disappointed that there were not more countries to defend (the sanctions). They were not made to harm Venezuelans or the Venezuelan government,” the diplomat explained.

Speaking at a conference, Roberta Jacobson also criticized the solidarity shown by Latin American countries for Venezuela. “The tone that Latin American leaders are using, demonizes the United States as if it were the source of Venezuela's problems, and this makes it hard for us to proceed pragmatically,” the politician said.

The mounting hostility from the U.S towards Venezuela is likely to be one of the most debated issues at the Summit in Panama this month. U.S. President Barack Obama is expected to attend. Many high profile Latin Americans have come out in support of the democratically elected government of President Nicolas Maduro, including former Uruguayan president, Jose Mujica, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu.

In March all 33 members of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) expressed their opposition to the U.S. government move, with other regional bodies including the United Nations of

South America (UNASUR) doing likewise.

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