

Venezuela Presents Solidarity Plan For Hurricane-Ravaged Haiti



United Nations, October 22 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodriguez has arrived in New York to present, along with Haiti's Prime Minister Enx Jean-Charles, a proposal for an international plan of solidarity for Haiti that seeks to alleviate the needs of those affected by the Hurricane Matthew.

The devastating storm swept through Haiti on October 4 with winds of 145 mph, killing nearly 1000 people, although no exact figure is available. Officials have said that more than 1.4 million people urgently need humanitarian assistance.

The plan was presented by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro earlier in the week during the opening of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, or Habitat III, that wrapped up in the Ecuadorean capital of Quito.

Rodriguez asked the head of the U.N. to support a reconstruction campaign that would go further than simple emergency assistance.

The governments of Venezuela and Cuba, as well as other Latin American nations, have shown their solidarity with Haiti by sending specialized personnel and humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, was particularly affected and has not yet fully recovered from a devastating 2010 earthquake which decimated its infrastructure. Moreover, there remains the threat of cholera outbreaks or other health crises which have often followed natural disasters on the island.

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