

Interventionist Moves Against Venezuela Fail Again at OAS Meeting



Cancun, June 20 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Two opposing resolutions submitted at the Organization of American States to discuss the situation in Venezuela prior to its annual meeting have again led to the failure of interventionist moves by U.S.-backed forces, as both proposals put forward did not receive the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

Hours before the meeting began on Monday, Peru withdrew a draft resolution on Venezuela shortly before foreign ministers were set to meet to discuss the political situation in Venezuela in hopes of adopting a resolution on the issue. The proposal -- put forward by Peru, Canada, the United States, Mexico and Panama and supported by other countries -- called for the government of President Nicolas Maduro to be condemned and attempted to put a stop the National Constituent Assembly to rewrite the Venezuelan Constitution.

The so-called "compromise" proposal created confusion among member states, with various representatives questioning the process and expressing opposition to the move. Backed by the U.S. and based on the withdrawn Peruvian proposal, it received 20 yes votes, 8 abstentions, 5 no votes, while Venezuela, who refused to recognize the proceedings, was counted as absent.

A second counterproposal put forward by the 14 countries of the Caribbean Community known as CARICOM, called for an "internal" solution "based on dialogue" and rejected potential international intervention.

However various countries including Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica, Suriname, and Haiti expressed dismay, signaling that they were neither consulted on the new motion nor were informed about the retraction of the CARICOM submission.

Saint Vincent resubmitted the CARICOM proposal on its own, and that proposal received 8 yes votes, 11 abstentions, 14 no votes and again Venezuela registered as absent.

Several countries including Ecuador, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and El Salvador expressed concerns about attempts to target Venezuela through the OAS.

The meeting of foreign ministers came ahead of the inauguration Monday evening of the OAS General Assembly in the coastal Mexican city of Cancun. The meeting is scheduled to run until Wednesday.

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