

# *ALBA Countries Reject Peru's Interventionist Call Over Venezuela*

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Caracas, August 8 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Countries from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, ALBA, are attending the "Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Political Council" in Venezuela on Tuesday as an act of solidarity with Venezuela.

The ALBA meeting in Caracas coincides with another gathering in Lima called by Peru to discuss Maduro's democratically-elected government and the situation in Venezuela. Foreign ministers from Latin America including representatives from Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Costa Rica are expected to join Peru. The ministers aim to create a so-called "permanent group" to monitor the situation in Venezuela, Heraldo Muñoz, Chile's foreign minister said on Monday.

The ALBA countries have rejected Peru's interventionist call and instead, will convene to discuss strategies to strengthen and deepen the "political dialogue between the member countries," Ecuador's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. Some of the participating ALBA countries include Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

The ALBA trade treaty TCP is a platform for the integration of the countries of Latin America and the

Caribbean, "which emphasizes solidarity, complementarity, justice and cooperation and whose purpose is to unite the capacities and strengths of the countries that integrate it to achieve integral development as sovereign and just nations," the document stated.

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