

# *Venezuela Presents Open Letter to the People of the United States*

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## **OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA**

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We, the People of Venezuela, wish to address the People of the United States of America. You must know that on August 11, 2017, President Donald Trump threatened the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela with direct military intervention. This dangerous threat was rejected by all nations and by the People of the United States. Nevertheless, two weeks later, President Trump imposed severe and unfair sanctions on us, publicly admitting his intention was to economically isolate Venezuela. It is the same strategy – recognized by the U.S. Government – that was implemented to overthrow the democratic government of Chile in 1973, paving the way for the ruthless dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet to take power.

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Caracas, September 7 (RHC)-- An open letter from the people of Venezuela to the people of the United States urges them to demand U.S. President Donald Trump stop its "warmongering" and called on them to join Venezuela in defending peace, freedom, and cooperation between the two nations.

The letter, which was published in the New York Times and The Hill, includes Trump's recent threat of a direct military intervention and the unilateral economic sanctions on the country, that the letter notes is intended "to economically isolate Venezuela.

"These threats and unilateral decisions will affect our economy and our means to obtain resources for food, health care and production, seriously impairing our citizens' everyday life," the letter says.

It further states that this was recognized by the U.S. government to be the same plan used in 1973 to overthrow the government of Salvador Allende in Chile which paved the way for the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet.

"Furthermore, these actions also affect ordinary U.S. citizens who would face the possibility of a hike in gasoline prices," says the open letter. "While thousands of workers risk losing their hard-earned savings as retirement funds are affected by the ban on Venezuelan bonds."

The letter, which was published by the Foreign Affairs Ministry, warns: "As was the case in Iraq, we might be on the verge of an unfair and baseless military intervention, where oil is paramount."

These actions create problems inside the U.S. making life harder, while outside it "generates global rejection and resentment towards the U.S. government and indirectly towards its people, who have nothing to do with these warmongering actions," the letter explains.

The latest sanctions ban the trading of Venezuelan debt and prevent the country's state-run oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA, from selling new bonds to U.S. citizens or financial groups.

"Venezuela is neither an enemy of the United States nor does it represent a threat to its security."

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