

# *Latin America and the Caribbean Support the Venezuelan Government*

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Buenos Aires, February 18 (RHC)-- Three important multi-national organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean -- UNASUR, CELAC and MERCOSUR -- have rejected the institutional destabilization attempt taking place in Venezuela.

They also expressed their support to the constitutional government of Nicolas Maduro, who was legitimately elected, while calling for peace and tranquillity in that nation.

In a communiqué issued on Monday night, the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) reaffirmed its commitment with the institutions and the democratic principles as the "pillars of the regional integration process."

UNASUR's 12 members favor democratic order, the Rule of Law and its institutions, highlighting the conviction that every demand should be channeled in a peaceful way, through a democratic manner.

After regretting the violent events, particularly those taking place on February

12th, that left three dead, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) rejected violence and called for citizens' safety, peace, stability and development.

Regarding the attempted coup incidents in Venezuela, the five member countries of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) expressed their rejection of "all kinds of violence and intolerance that seek to destabilize the prevailing democracy and its institutions, whatever its origins may be."



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