

Jeremy Corbyn rejects U.S. and UK intervention in Venezuela



London, February 4 (RHC)-- U.K.'s Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said that intervention in Venezuela and calling for sanctions against the government of Nicolas Maduro were "wrong" and that only Venezuelans have the right to decide their own destiny.

"The future of Venezuela is a matter for Venezuelans. U.K.'s Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt's call for more sanctions on Venezuela is wrong," Corbyn said in a tweet he posted over the weekend, his first reaction to the political situation in Venezuela.

"We oppose outside interference in Venezuela, whether from the U.S. or anywhere else. There needs to be dialogue and a negotiated settlement to overcome the crisis." Over the years, Corbyn has positioned himself as an advocate of non-intervention approach to foreign policy, and is known to be an anti-war activist since his early years in politics and social movements.

The United States was quick to recognize Guaido as "interim president" and Washington's right-wing allies in the region followed suit in what the legitimate Venezuelan government of Maduro calls a parliamentary coup.

Since then, the U.S. has approved fresh sanctions against Caracas including economic sanctions against the country's national oil company. Several senior U.S. officials called on the country's military to

intervene in support of Guaido. However, the country's military has asserted its support for the constitutional government and rejected calls for a coup.

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