

# *Cuba rejects renewal of U.S. Decree branding Venezuela a threat*

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Havana, March 7 (RHC)-- President of Cuba, Miguel Diaz-Canel, rejected March 7, Washington's decision to renew an executive order branding Venezuela a "threat" to U.S. national security.

In a tweet the president noted: "We reject the decision of the US government to extend for one year the executive order that defines Venezuela as an "unusual and extraordinary" threat to US security."

Díaz-Canel insisted that the South American country has never represented any danger to other peoples of the world.

"Hands off Venezuela," the Cuban head of state demanded as Washington ratchets up sanctions and threats against Caracas, with the aim of implementing regime change in the country.

On March 5, the Donald Trump administration extended Executive Order 13692, originally signed by President Barack Obama on March 8, 2015, declaring a "national emergency with respect to the situation in Venezuela."

The measure was condemned by the Bolivarian Revolution and its leader, Nicolás Maduro.

Meanwhile, Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Jorge Arreaza, pointed out that the decree "is a pretext to justify unprecedented aggression, which includes the threat of the use of force, in order to force a change of government and thereby control the riches of the country. "

Arreaza described the decree as a mistake and stressed that his country "has never been a threat to anyone in the world." He added that "the actions of Donald Trump and his entourage have awakened and activated in the hearts of the people of the United States a powerful movement in solidarity with Venezuela and against war."

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