

# *URGENT CAMPAIGN / Protest U.S. sanctions against Venezuela*

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JOIN THE URGENT CAMPAIGN TO PROTEST U.S. SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELA / sponsored by International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity

Letter Writing Campaign to the United Nations opposing U.S. Sanctions on Venezuela

Dear friends,

We urgently need to raise our voices to prevent more innocent people from dying in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Yet again in its imperial history, the United States has applied a financial blockade to prevent the purchase of food and medicine, a lethal weapon with the objective of making an entire people succumb to hunger and disease; a people whose only crime is a desire for sovereignty and independence.

President Maduro was elected on May 20, 2018, with an overwhelming majority of votes, in clean, free

and transparent elections, with the presence of international observers, and with opposition candidates.

By what right does the U.S. decide who will be the future president of a sovereign country? By what right does it designate an individual as President, flouting all international laws?

Recently a 6 year old boy died in Italy while waiting for a bone marrow transplant and special medicines that are imported by the Venezuelan State. The child died because it is currently impossible for the Venezuelan State to have access to resources. This child could have been helped by the agreement signed between the Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA and the Bone Marrow Transplant Association to undergo the necessary surgery and treatment abroad, but the financial embargo has blocked the transfer of the necessary funds to the Bone Marrow Transplant Association in Italy to ensure the continuity of the agreement and treatment for new patients. Another 25 patients who are waiting for transplants are at risk of the same fate.

Additionally, international banking institutions have repeatedly cancelled and revoked transfers from PDVSA and other institutions to pay for the treatment of leukemia patients.

This fact confirms Venezuela's denunciations and the warnings of UN human rights experts. The blockade constitutes a serious violation of human rights.

For this reason, the International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity makes a CALL for a Campaign to send letters to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the Assistant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to demand that the United States immediately end the economic sanctions and the blockade against the Venezuelan people.

Write to the Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres at the following e-mail address: Sgcentral@un.org

Also write to Mrs. Carmen Dominguez, Assistant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet at the following e-mail address: Cdominguez@ohchr.org

With copy to Carlos de la Torre, Official for Venezuela of the Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Right at the following e-mail address: cdelatorre@ohchr.org

You can write your own letter or use the following sample letters:

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Secretary General of United Nations

António Guterres

As a citizen of (country) I am extremely concerned about the situation faced by Venezuelans, especially children, the sick and the elderly.

As Secretary General of the United Nations, I ask you to intervene for the immediate end of the violations of the human rights of Venezuelans by the U.S. government and its allies, who are using food and medicine as weapons to overthrow a government legitimately elected by the majority of Venezuelans.

Please help find a peaceful solution to the critical problem faced by millions of Venezuelans. Despite all attempts to overthrow President Nicolas Maduro, the people of Venezuela continue to resist.

On behalf of myself and many others who want peace for Venezuela, I call on you to intervene to end the U.S. blockade and to respect of the sovereignty and self-determination of the Venezuelan people.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Carmen Domínguez  
Assistant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Michelle Bachelet

Cc: Carlos de la Torre

As a citizen of (country) I am extremely concerned about the situation facing Venezuelans, especially the sick, children, pregnant women and the elderly.

Through you, I ask Mrs. Michele Bachelet, in her capacity as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for the immediate end of the violations of human rights of Venezuelans by the U.S. government and its allies, who are using food and medicine as weapons to overthrow a government legitimately elected by the majority of Venezuelans.

I beg you to intervene to find a peaceful solution to the critical situation faced by millions of Venezuelans. Despite all attempts to overthrow President Nicolas Maduro, the people of Venezuela continue to resist the outside interference in their democracy.

On behalf of myself and many others who want peace for Venezuela, I ask you to help end the U.S. blockade and to respect the sovereignty and self-determination of the Venezuelan people.

Sincerely,

Your name

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