Venezuela criticizes US and OAS attempts to derail dialogue

New York, July 12 (RHC)-- Venezuela's permanent representative to the U.N., Samuel Moncada, denounced Friday the continuous harassment from the United States and other countries that are trying to thwart his country's efforts to solve its political situation through dialogue.

Moncada said that since the failed coup attempt by the self-declared interim president, Juan Guaido, last April 30, the U.S. and its allies are more "desperate" to topple the Bolivarian government.

"This (strategy) has a name, and it is a war attempt against Venezuela," stressed the senior official during a press conference at U.N. headquarters in New York.

"OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro, like the Colombian President Ivan Duque, among others, are pushing for a military intervention, war and violence, instead of seeking peace like what his mandate should be about."

In his remarks Moncada condemned the latest comments issued by Almagro at an OAS (Organization of American States) press conference Friday in the US capital during which Almagro continued to call for the "military" option in Venezuela.

It is "shameful" to hear from the head of an international organization to call for the use of force and interference in domestic affairs, said the Venezuelan diplomat.

Almagro, who sat alongside U.S. envoy leader to Venezuela, Elliot Abrams at the OAS meeting, was dismissive of the Norway-mediated talks that began in late May between the Venezuelan government and opposition. Almagro admitted Friday to reporters he doesn't know the "logic" or "process" of the talks because he is not participating in them.

Venezuela's Permanent Representative also warned that efforts are underway in Colombia with the support of its government to recruit mercenaries to stage a military attack against Venezuela

"The recruiting is public on Twitter, he said.

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