

# *U.S. officials and Lima Group working to put Venezuela in 'quarantine'*

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Washington, August 3 (RHC)-- U.S. high-level officials are seeking support from a number of Latin American right-wing governments for Trump's new destabilization strategy against Venezuela.

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton and the U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross will attend a Lima Group meeting on Tuesday to consolidate the support of the Latin American right-wing governments to continue their "blockade or quarantine" strategy whereby President Donald Trump seeks to oust Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro out of power.

Baptized as the "International Conference for Democracy in Venezuela," the Lima Group meeting will be held on August 6th in the Peruvian capital.

Over the last month, Peruvian Foreign Minister Nestor Popolizio has been actively trying to convince authorities of over 100 countries to attend this conference, which is supposedly aimed at finding "a solution to the political crisis" in the Bolivarian country.

For their part, in the last year, Bolton and Abrams have been leading different U.S. strategies, most of which have failed thus far, to put Venezuelan opposition politician Juan Guaido in the presidency of the South American country.

In response to the new wave of U.S. threats, President Maduro rejected on Friday Trump's statement about a full blockade and stressed that the Venezuelan maritime territory will remain "free and independent." Maduro said: "All Venezuela, in a civic-military union, repudiates and rejects Donald Trump's statements about a supposed quarantine or blockade."

From Russia, Senator Vladimir Dzhubarov said that Trump's threat "is a very dangerous issue" which could generate a wider international crisis. "Long ago, the U.S. sought to block Cuba, which almost ended with a nuclear crisis in 1962," Dzhubarov said and recalled the "Missile Crisis" -- an event which was triggered by the U.S. attempt to control all access routes to the Caribbean island.

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