

John Bolton says U.S. ready to impose sanctions on companies for doing business with Venezuela



Lima, August 7 (RHC)-- U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton says that Washington could impose sanctions on any international company for conducting business with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

“We are sending a signal to third parties that want to do business with the Maduro regime: proceed with extreme caution,” Bolton said during a summit on Venezuela in the Peruvian capital Lima on Tuesday.

The measure means that international companies will have to choose whether to access the US and its financial system or do business with Maduro, he noted. His remarks came one day after U.S. President Donald Trump issued an executive order, blocking “all property and interests in property of the Government of Venezuela that are in the United States.”

Venezuela's Foreign Ministry strongly censured the U.S. move as "another serious aggression by the Trump administration through arbitrary economic terrorism against the Venezuelan people."

According to Peruvian officials, Bolton said that the new measure equates to about tripling current sanctions related to Venezuela.

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