

# *U.S. prevents Venezuela from buying drugs to treat COVID-19*

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Caracas, March 14 (RHC)--Venezuela's Attorney General Tarek William Saab denounced Friday that coercive and unilateral measures imposed by the United States prevent the purchase of drugs and supplies to confront COVID-19.

Speaking about the confirmation of the first two cases of the disease this Friday, the magistrate reaffirmed that in the midst of the situation the world is going through because of the pandemic, it is unacceptable that punitive actions be maintained, which constitute a massive violation of human rights.

"It is ethically unacceptable that such sanctions be maintained against Venezuela. Those who radically oppose the Venezuelan State must take a step forward and ask for the cessation of these measures," the Venezuelan official said in reference to sectors of the opposition.

Are they going to ask for more sanctions against our country, are they going to block Venezuelan trade more, are they going to be spokesmen for a massacre by the (new) coronavirus against our people? he asked.

During a press conference at the Public Prosecutor's Office, William Saab also urged the Venezuelan opposition to overcome their differences and request the lifting of the blockade.

He also asked the governments of Colombia and Brazil to 'stop their hostility towards Venezuela' and seek joint mechanisms to confront Covid-19.

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