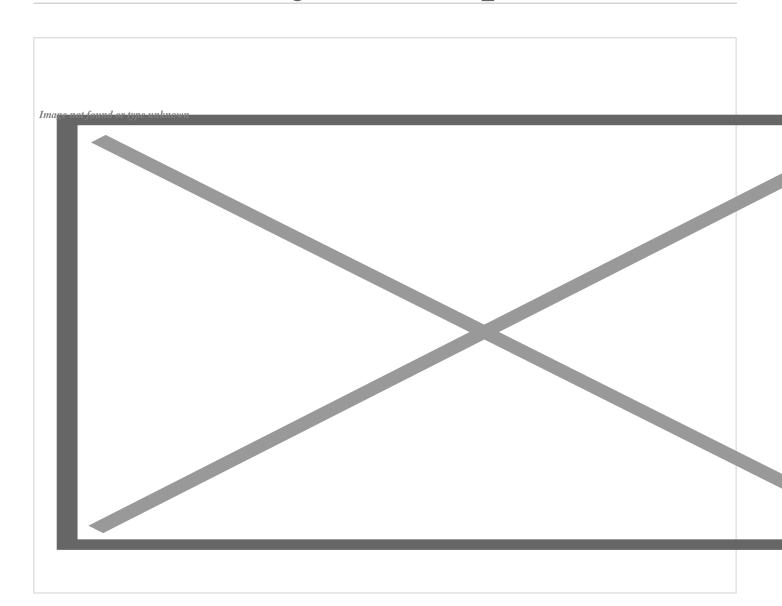
European solidarity network with Venezuela rejects EU position



Brussels, February 27 (RHC)-- The European Network of Solidarity with Venezuela condemned in a statement the decision of the European Union to declare the Venezuelan representative to the regional bloc, Ambassador Claudia Salerno, persona non grata.

"We express our firm condemnation of the decision of the European Union (EU) to declare the Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the EU, Ambassador Claudia Salerno, persona non grata," reads the document disclosed on the official profile of the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry on the social network Twitter.

"These new EU sanctions against Venezuela arise, inexplicably, a few days after the UN itself, through a Preliminary Report made by the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive

measures on the enjoyment of human rights, Ms. Alena Douhan, denounced as "devastating" the sanctions against Venezuela," the text states.

The solidarity group rejects "the hostile and counterproductive attitude that the EU has assumed towards Venezuela in recent years, which far from promoting the dialogue and reconciliation they claim to support, their actions (...) seem designed precisely to undermine any attempt to normalize the complex situation afflicting the Venezuelan people," it adds.

Among the actions against the Venezuelan nation, he lists the referred unilateral sanctions, the recognition as "interim president" to Juan Guaidó and the hostile rhetoric towards the legitimate government of President Nicolás Maduro. "We regret to see a European Union with no democratic vocation and giving undeniable signs of servility," the Network emphasizes.

The members of the organization expressed their solidarity with Ambassador Claudia Salerno. At the same time, they ratified their support for the sovereignty and self-determination of the Venezuelan people and their revolutionary process.

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