

# *ALBA-TCP rejects Almagro's attacks against Mexican foreign minister*

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Caracas, June 6 (RHC)-- The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA-TCP) rejected on Saturday the verbal attack of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, against the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Marcelo Ebrard on June 4th.

"The ALBA-TCP member countries condemn this assault on a high-ranking official of one of the main nations of the hemisphere by an official of an intergovernmental organization, particularly because it is an unacceptable pattern," reads the communiqué issued by the integration organization.

The ALBA-TCP statement reminds Almagro that governments have no obligation to be accountable to the OAS, "Mr. Almagro is accountable to the foreign ministers of the OAS member states, therefore foreign ministers and governments are not accountable to him," they add.

The integration organization for Latin America and the Caribbean reiterates that Almagro's actions "constitute not only a scandalous interference in the internal affairs of States, prohibited by the OAS Charter; but also constitute a flagrant overreach of his authority and duties."

ALBA-TCP not only supported Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrab with the communiqué, but also expressed "its respect for Mexican institutions in the elections" that will take place this Sunday, which was at the origin of the diplomatic altercation between Almagro and Ebrad.

Last Friday, Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Affairs alluded on the subject of Almagro, "he acts as autonomous, he assumes that he does not need to consult them. He has taken very dubious actions such as the case of Bolivia, it was disgraceful, they practically facilitated a coup. Mexico's opinion is that it is one of the worst managements in history," he added.

In response, the secretary general of the OAS assured to be surprised by the attacks: "I wish that no more work he has done as Head of Government of Mexico City collapses", in reference to the collapse of a section of the Mexican capital's Metro a month ago.

In addition to ALBA-TCP, the Mexican Foreign Minister also received the solidarity of his Argentinean counterpart, Felipe Solá, and his Bolivian counterpart, Rogelio Mayta.

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