

# *Venezuela proposes the creation of a new institutional framework for CELAC*

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**"There is a contradiction between the OAS and Celac; it is the old contradiction of Monroism and Bolivarianism, and Celac is our path," he reaffirmed. | Photo: Twitter @PrensaFANB**

Mexico City, September 18 (RHC)-- The president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, reiterated his request to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) to evaluate with balance the proposal for an Executive Secretariat of the bloc and thus strengthen a new institutional in favor of integration,

union and promotion of democracy among peoples.

"Let's resume the Council of Social Ministers, the Council of Economic Ministers and that the Foreign Ministers maintain the course," suggested the head of state in his speech at the VI Celac Summit being held this Saturday at the National Palace in Mexico City.

President Maduro also proposed holding a debate on democracy. "Venezuela has enough morals to talk about democracy, we believe in the dialogue of diverse," emphasized the head of state at the summit being held this Saturday at the National Palace in Mexico City.

Before Maduro's intervention, President Luis Lacalle Pou, made negative comments against countries such as Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. In this regard, Executive Vice President Delcy Rodríguez joined the proposal made by President Maduro for a debate on democracy, specifically to his counterparts from Uruguay and Paraguay, Luis Lacalle Pou and Marito Abdo, respectively.

"President Nicolás Maduro challenged Presidents Mario Abdo and Luis Lacalle Pou to a dialogue on the most relevant issues of our region and essential for the peoples. As head of the Ministry of Finance, I call on Mario Abdo to honor Paraguay's debt with Venezuela," Rodríguez wrote on her Twitter account.

In another part of his speech, Maduro highlighted the content of the documents discussed at the high-level meeting, which, he said, include a good part of the concerns and worries of the countries of the region. The Venezuelan leader underscored the need to convert the proposals into actions, into common public policies of the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Likewise, he urged the States of the region to abandon the practice of politicizing international relations. "We must turn the page to divisionism and harassment of Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua, that is not the way, we have come to reach out for debate and regional union," he stressed.

Maduro expressed his gratitude to the Government of Mexico for its support to the dialogue underway between the Venezuelan Executive and the opposition Unitary Platform, while he urged the other countries of the area to accompany this process.

He also called on CELAC member states to attend as observers to the regional and municipal elections next November, in order to verify the legitimacy and transparency of the Venezuelan democratic model.

Maduro celebrated the unionist spirit manifested in most of the interventions of the dignitaries present at the VI Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, 'in spite of some marked differences, sometimes hurtful', he pointed out.

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