

# *Venezuela and the International Criminal Court sign memorandum of understanding*

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Caracas, November 4 (RHC)-- The president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, signed an agreement of understanding with the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Karim A.A. Khan QC, which facilitates cooperation and mutual assistance.

"We have reached an agreement that is self-explanatory. It is an agreement that expresses the synthesis of this journey that is a step in the relations of positive complementarity and cooperation between our Republic and the Office of the Prosecutor of the Criminal Court in The Hague," said President Maduro.

The head of state detailed that during the three days of work with the ICC prosecutor, a frank and respectful dialogue took place in the midst of some differences. "During these days, Venezuelan institutions have demonstrated their legal, doctrinal and constitutional strength," he added.

Pondering the strengthening of relations between Venezuela and the ICC, President Maduro reiterated his willingness to continue with the mutual work. "After this debate, the prosecutor has decided to move to another phase to know the truth, although we do not share it. "In that framework, we have signed an agreement that guarantees cooperation, mutual support and dialogue to seek the truth and Justice between the Venezuelan State and the ICC," he added.

"In Venezuela, constitutional guarantees have prevailed for there to be peace. The country has conquered its right to peace," said the Venezuelan head of state, who extended a new invitation to Prosecutor Karim Khan to deepen mutual work for truth and Justice.

For his part, the ICC prosecutor acknowledged the willingness of Venezuela's constitutional authorities for sincere dialogue. "It has been very generous (addressed to President Maduro) for the time he has dedicated to me and my team. Thank you for the collaboration of all members of the Government."

The prosecutor added: "I am pleased that through the letters we signed, we are committed to work collaboratively, independently, with full respect for positive complementarity (...) My office will always work in accordance with the Rome Statute, we are guided by the principles of legality and rule of law," added Prosecutor Khan.

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