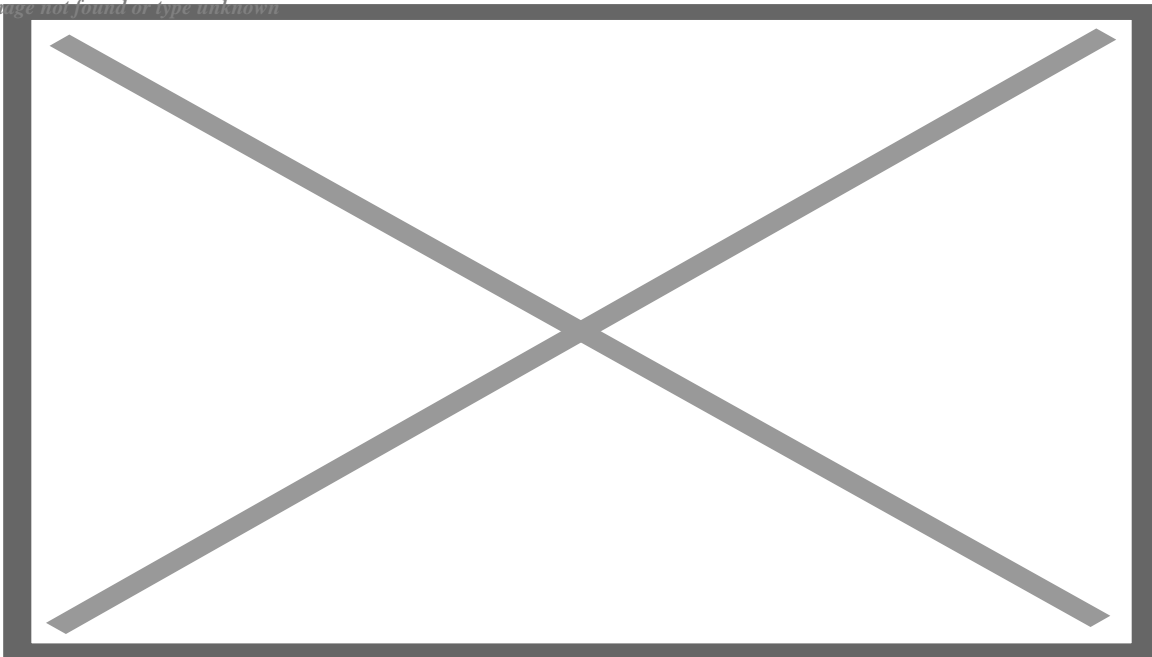


Venezuelan president repudiates U.S. discrimination in Summit of the Americas

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Nicolás Maduro invited the President of Argentina to convene, through CELAC, a meeting for all Latin America and the Caribbean. | Photo: Presidential Press

Caracas, June 7 (RHC)-- The president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, repudiated on Monday the discriminatory stance of the United States with the exclusion of Cuba, Nicaragua and his country before the Summit of the Americas, a gathering that is taking place until Friday, June 10th.

"What the U.S. government is doing is an act of discrimination," denounced the president, while stressing the need for a new organization where all the countries of Our America participate without exclusion.

On the other hand, the Head of State praised the political stance expressed by the President of Mexico, Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO). "We have expressed our admiration for the clarity of President AMLO and all the support for the message he has sent in recent weeks of abandoning discrimination, the world of sanctions, of blockades," Maduro said.

"That meeting whether the U.S. government wants or not will have the voice of the rebel peoples -- of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. Our voice will be there in different ways and forms; in the streets in protests, in meeting rooms," Nicolás Maduro stressed.

The Venezuelan president declared that unfortunately it is the U.S. government itself who has caused the failure of this summit, which lacks an agenda, has no talking points and which has nothing to link it to the issues of interest and priority of the countries of the Americas, said the Venezuelan President.

He also invited the President of Argentina, Alberto Fernández, to convene, through the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), a meeting that would allow for an agenda of priority issues of maximum interest "for our peoples at a Summit meeting where the 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean will participate and we will invite President Joe Biden to listen to the dignity of our history."

"The path of Latin America has already been laid out and there will be no way to twist it, to stop it, or to exclude anyone from our own path because we forged it with struggle, joy and love," he stressed.

Other countries that have spoken out against the exclusionary and imperialist posture of the U.S. were Bolivia, Honduras, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; as well as the Puebla Group, and the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-People's Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP).

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