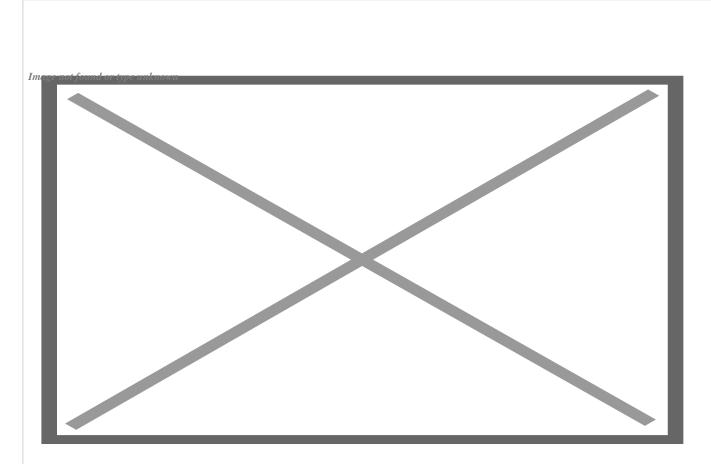
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"I met with Manuel Vicente Vadell, who brought me very good news. I have decided to designate him as the new Venezuelan ambassador to Brazil," the Bolivarian leader tweeted.

After his appointment is approved by the Venezuelan Congress, Vadel will be able to assume the diplomatic representation of his country starting January 1, when Brazil's president-elect Lula da Silva begins his four-year term in office.

During his tenure, the far-right Bolsonaro decided to recognize the U.S.-backed lawyer Juan Guaido, who had declared himself interim president of Venezuela.

After the victory of the Workers' Party leader in the Brazilian presidential elections held in October, the Bolivarian government expressed its "best disposition and good will to, together, strengthen the ties of friendship."

From Brazil, President-elect Lula da Silva made similar statements and announced that his administration would re-establish diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

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