

Venezuela rejects interference by the OAS in bilateral issues

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Carcas, September 21 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, denounced on Wednesday the continuity of the policy of aggression and interference practiced by the Organization of American States (OAS) against her country, embodied in its secretary general, Luis Almagro.

In a message disseminated through the social network X, the Bolivarian leader rejected Almagro's attempt to "violate International Law, the sovereignty of States and their territorial integrity." She accused him of bowing to the interests of the oil transnational Exxon Mobil to attack her country, after the OAS official supported the bidding carried out by the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for oil blocks located in the territory in dispute between both countries.

Rodríguez stated that "Guyana violates the Geneva Agreement and its own sovereignty to make an offering to transnational interests. We will not allow Guyana to unilaterally dispose of maritime territory not yet delimited. Venezuela will assert its legitimate rights forever. The sun of Venezuela rises in the Essequibo".

On Tuesday, Almagro said via X: "We recognize Guyana's right to host investors. Guyana must preserve its territorial integrity and security by addressing its case with Venezuela in the UN Security Council." Furthermore, he stated: "We vehemently reject the intimidating tactics that seek to undermine the

principle of 'good neighborliness"', in allusion to the rejection aroused throughout Venezuela by the announcement of the aforementioned tender and the determination of the Bolivarian authorities to apply "the necessary measures to avoid the illegitimate exploitation of the natural resources that belong to our nation", as ratified by the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry in a statement.

Through this text, the Foreign Ministry deplored the pretension of the Guyanese president, Mohamed Irfaan Ali, to call for the bidding of the referred oil and gas blocks and to take possession of resources that do not belong to him, which would be exploited by Exxon Mobil, the Foreign Ministry emphasized.

Both nations have a territorial dispute over the Essequiba Guiana. In 2022, Venezuela demonstrated before the International Court of Justice that the United Kingdom -the last metropolis of Guyana- used fraudulent procedures to take that territory, which appears in the maps of the former Captainty General of Venezuela, when the country was a Spanish colony.

These deceptions are at the origin of the 1899 arbitration award, which then gave the United Kingdom control of the disputed territory.

Last April, the ICJ recognized that the fraudulent conduct of the United Kingdom, which in 1966 signed the Geneva Agreement with Venezuela, committing itself to find a practical and mutually satisfactory solution to this territorial dispute, can be reviewed.

Guyana, which did not exist as an independent nation in 1966, asked the ICJ to legally validate the 1899 arbitral award.

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