

Venezuela asks ICJ to reject provisional measures requested by Guyana

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With Ambassador Moncada's presentation, preceded by Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, the statement of the Venezuelan delegation to the ICJ concluded. | Photo: VTV

Geneva, November 15 (RHC)-- The Permanent Ambassador of Venezuela to the United Nations, Samuel Moncada, formally requested this Wednesday the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to reject the request for provisional measures presented by the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to prevent the consultative referendum of next December 3rd on the Essequibo.

Speaking before the ICJ, Moncada stated that the request presented by that country seeks to intervene in the internal affairs of Venezuela and, by trying to prevent the 3D consultative referendum, also incurs in a violation of International Law.

He valued that Georgetown's request "represents an attempt to use the Court with the purpose of intervening in the internal affairs of a signatory and founder country of the United Nations Charter such as Venezuela". In this regard, he questioned whether this country "wants to disregard the principles of sovereignty and self-determination enshrined in the Charter".

On the other hand, he asserted that nowhere in the 1966 Geneva Agreement does it prevent Venezuela from carrying out the referendum, a tool provided for in its Constitution. "The dispute over the Essequibo is the history of a crime. The Paris fraud was so serious that the United Kingdom agreed to sign a treaty in 1966 to seek a satisfactory solution", he stated.

He recalled that the British Empire, in complicity with the United States, dispossessed Venezuela of Essequiba Guyana in 1899. He assured that the Government of Guyana is trying to hide the truth about that shameful fact, which was endorsed through the Paris Arbitral Award of 1899.

Ambassador Moncada made it clear that the Venezuelan people "will never renounce their right of sovereignty over territorial integration."

This presentation concluded the statement of the Venezuelan delegation before the ICJ. In this regard, its president, Judge Joan Donoghue, informed that the decision will be taken as soon as possible and communicated to the parties.

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