

# *Venezuela rejects statements by the president of ExxonMobil*

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**"Venezuela will not rest in the defense of the Essequibo and will assert its rights in all circumstances that may arise", stated Delcy Rodríguez. | Photo: Minec**

Caracas, February 7 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Vice-President Delcy Rodríguez rejected on Wednesday the statements made by the president of the US company ExxonMobil, Alistair Routledge, and affirmed that this transnational "intends to protect its illicit operations in a sea pending to be delimited" with Guyana.

Through her account on the social network X, the vice president shared the image of a news item reporting that ExxonMobil "welcomes with satisfaction Guyana's decision to strengthen security partnerships with the US and other countries."

"Venezuela rejects threatening statements by the president of ExxonMobil, Alistair Routledge. This energy transnational not only subrogates the sovereignty of Guyana, governs the high authorities of that country, encourages the illegitimate route of the International Court of Justice to the detriment of the Geneva Agreement, but also intends to protect its illicit operations, in a sea pending to be delimited, under the warmongering mantle of the U.S. in complicity with Guyana", he asserted.

Given this situation, Delcy Rodriguez stated that it is clearly a violation of the Argyle Agreements and international legality. "Venezuela will not rest in the defense of the Essequibo and will assert its rights in all circumstances that arise," she concluded. If ExxonMobil has a private security company represented by the Southern Command and a small branch in the government of Guyana, good for them, but in the maritime space that by right belongs to Venezuela, they will receive a proportional and forceful response."

Subsequently, the Venezuelan Minister of Defense, Vladimir Padrino López, also posted a message on his social network account to comment on the Vice President's statements.

"If ExxonMobil has a private security company represented by the Southern Command and a small branch in the Government of Guyana, good for them, but in the maritime space that by right belongs to Venezuela, they will receive a proportional, forceful and lawful response!" guaranteed Padrino López.

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