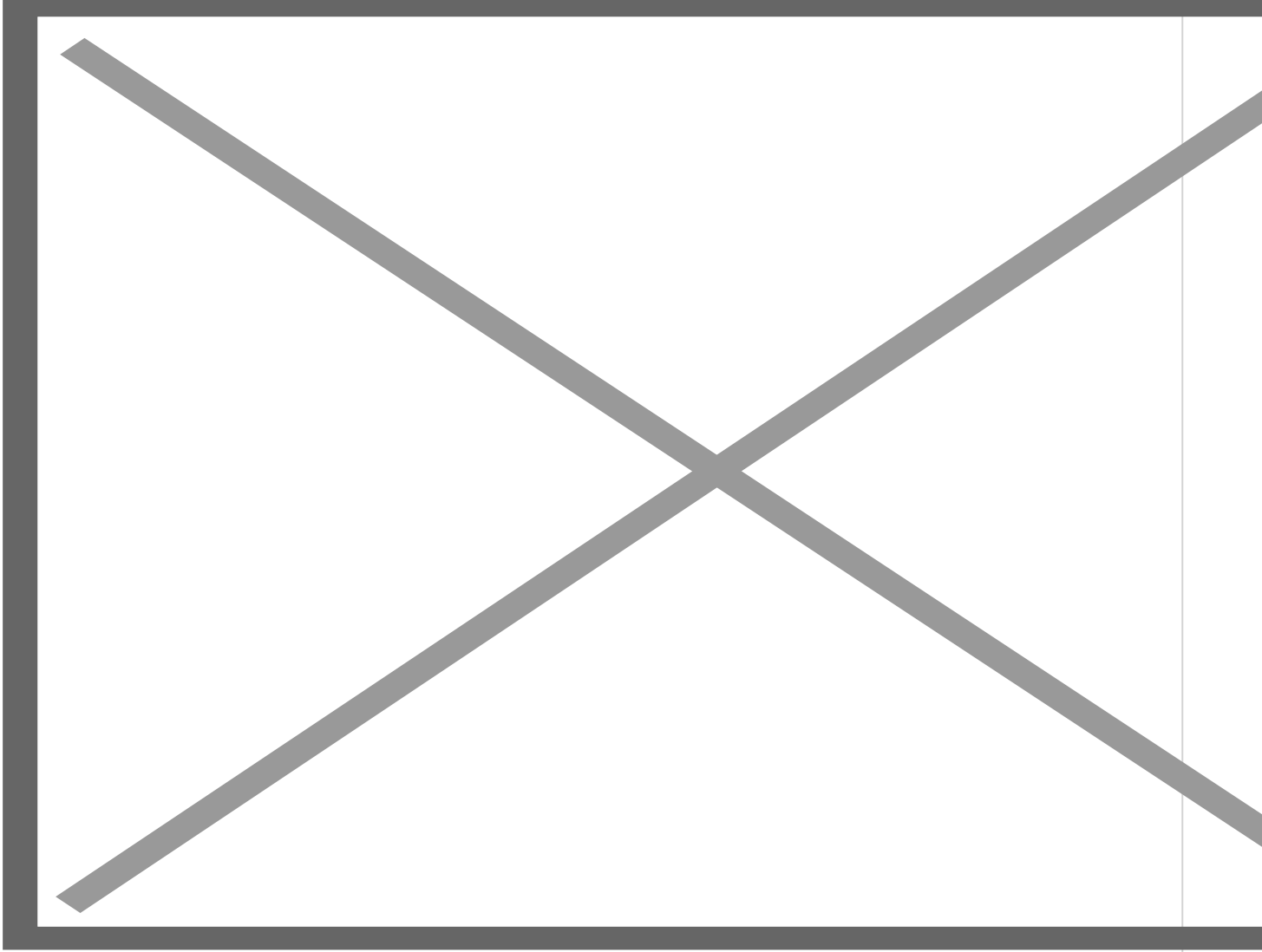


# *Venezuela's foreign minister denounces fascist agenda of opposition leader María Corina Machado*

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Caracas, April 8 (RHC)-- Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yvan Gil denounced this Sunday that one of the representatives of the violent right wing, María Corina Machado, sustains a fascist agenda to destabilize that nation and hinder its electoral process, an intention that has the full support of the United States Government.

Through the social network X, the diplomat expressed that "Hasta el final" -- Until the end -- a phrase used by the leader of the organization Vente Venezuela, reveals a fascist plan, backed by the White House, "to suffocate the Venezuelan people through perverse blockades and sanctions."

Gil revealed an audio with Machado's statements, which shows "the genocidal fantasy of this lady to satisfy her lust for power and to be the new puppet of her Yankee masters". Questioned about the way in which other nations can commit interference and "collaborate" with the change of the revolutionary and popular government of Venezuela, she said that "yes they can collaborate by increasing the pressure until they provoke the breakdown and the departure of (constitutional president Nicolas) Maduro".

The Venezuelan foreign minister detailed that "more sanctions" are needed, since in his opinion "they are working". The audio also shows how he demands that they be increased and lead to "total financial asphyxiation", regardless of how they may affect the welfare of the people.

The demand for more economic pressure measures, which in the case of Venezuela have been applied together with military, political and media aggression, constitute a repeated pattern in the discourse of Machado, who insists on imposing her candidacy for the July 28 presidential elections even though she was disqualified from holding public office for a period of 15 years for corruption and violence.

The intention to generate an economic crisis, unrest and a fratricidal war among Venezuelans is combined, in her case, with the deliberate omission that 13 candidates -12 of them opposition candidates- and a large number of political organizations were nominated for the current electoral process.

As the audio released by the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry shows, the violent opposition has repeatedly requested the U.S. and Europe to impose new unilateral restrictive measures against Venezuela, on which more than 900 have been imposed, causing a significant loss of income and substantial setbacks in the welfare state.

Moreover, they constitute a flagrant violation of the human rights of the Venezuelan people, as warned by the UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, Alena Douhan, who after visiting Bolivar's homeland in February 2021 urged the US, the European Union and other States to lift them.

Douhan stressed that these measures dramatically affected the entire population of the country. He recalled that they are illegal and were not approved by the UN Security Council.

On this criminal encirclement, a UN special rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures, Idriss Jazairy, stated in 2019 that sanctions aggravate the situation of the people and made it clear that they "should never be used to seek a change of government in a sovereign state."

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