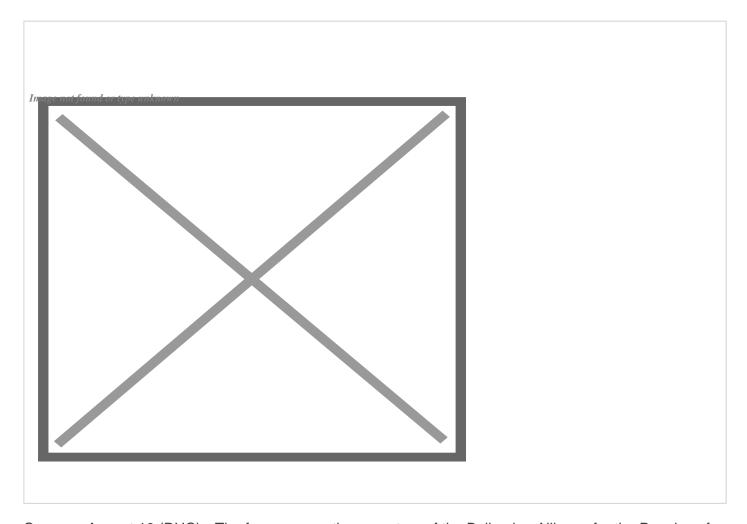
Carter Center's irresponsible positions on Venezuelan elections denounced



Caracas, August 10 (RHC)-- The former executive secretary of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA-TCP), Sacha Llorenti, accused the Carter Center on Friday of taking "irresponsible positions" on the elections in Venezuela.

According to the Bolivian diplomat, who was also that country's foreign minister during the government of Evo Morales, the Carter Center joined "such irresponsible positions on Venezuela and joins the campaign against the elections."

In this sense, Sacha Llorenti denounced that the reasons for this are in the composition of its donors, in particular those of more than one million dollars annually, a part of which come from organizations dedicated to regime change not only in Venezuela, but in other countries in the region.

Llorenti asked: Do you want to know why the Carter Center publishes such irresponsible positions on Venezuela and joins the campaign against the elections?

The Bolivian diplomat answered his own question:

Among the donors, with data from the Carter Center's own website, are the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Bank, the Turner, Rockefeller, Carlos Slim, Ford, Bill and Melinda Gates, Pfizer Inc foundations and a list of more than a dozen major donors.

Llorenti's complaint comes after the Carter Center published in several statements that the Venezuelan elections had not "met international standards," although it did not provide elements in this direction, thereby, in practice, joining the international campaign in attempts to delegitimize Venezuelan elections and institutions.

Llorenti thus joins the accusations made by the Venezuelan government and prominent intellectuals who question the impartiality and objectivity of the Carter Center, which they attribute to a change in the organization's leadership and the influence of its major donors.

It was also pointed out that the current head of the Carter Center worked for USAID, an agency directly linked to the CIA.

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