

# *New evidence confirms that there was no coercion by Venezuelan officials against Edmundo González at Spanish Embassy*

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Caracas, September 20 (RHC)-- The president of the National Assembly of Venezuela, Jorge Rodríguez, showed this Thursday new evidence that confirms that there was no coercion during the meeting with the former opposition candidate, Edmundo González Urrutia, during their meeting at the Spanish embassy in Caracas.

In this regard, he presented the video that González recorded and broadcast on Wednesday from Madrid, capital of Spain, where he claims to have been “coerced” into signing the letter he wrote, recognizing the public powers of the Venezuelan state.

“In that video of González Urrutia there is something curious because he calls me, the president of the National Assembly, and recognizes that the president of the National Assembly is called Jorge Rodríguez. And refers to Delcy Eloína Rodríguez Gómez as vice-president of the Republic”, he said.

Likewise, he indicated that the video shows that the tone of the meeting was very cordial, which contradicts what González Urrutia said, who claims that the Venezuelan government exercised coercion against him.

Rodríguez recalled that at the meeting, González Urrutia was told that there was “evidence that María Corina Machado is linked to the violent plans. To which Edmundo González replied “Yes.”

Rodríguez also announced that there is a second document signed by him and González Urrutia, where the latter asks for his property and those of his family, as well as the residences of his children and relatives to be respected.

“I had no problem signing that letter because they are the rights granted by the Constitution to all Venezuelans. I have that document, do not force me to publish it, there is nothing in any line of that document about people deprived of their liberty,” he said.

Similarly, Rodríguez said that the Spanish ambassador to Venezuela was present at the meeting as a witness of the negotiation. He then presented an audio excerpt from the witness who spoke, where he says that González Urrutia cannot and should not name or proclaim a parallel government after his arrival in Spain.

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