

# ***ALBA Countries Condemn Renewal of U.S. Sanctions against Venezuela***

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Caracas, May 6 (RHC-Granma)— The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Treaty (Alba-TCP) has condemned Washington's renewal of the "Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act" of 2014, by means of which the United States has extended sanctions imposed on the Bolivarian nation until 2019.

In a statement released on Thursday, ALBA member states define as unilateral and extraterritorial the U.S. sanctions against the Bolivarian people and government of Venezuela.

ALBA recognizes the Act as the legal framework that aims to sustain the illegal Executive Order issued by President Barack Obama, which considers Venezuela an unusual and extraordinary threat to U.S. security and foreign policy.

And the statement concluded: "ALBA countries condemn these measures, which violate public international law, go against the principles of non-interference in internal affairs and the sovereign equality of states and their self-determination, and aim to defeat the historic course of freedom and independence of our nations."

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