

# *Fidel Castro Sends Message of Support to Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro*

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Havana, Mar 17, (RHC), – Cuban Revolution leader Fidel Castro sent Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro a message in which he lauded the discipline and firm stance of the Venezuelan people in defense of the Bolivarian Revolution amidst the latest US threats.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has always expressed in a precise manner its willingness to dialog, peacefully and in a civilized way, with the US administration, but will never accept threats or impositions from that country, Fidel Castro said in his message.

And he notes that he's been able to observe the attitude, not only of the heroic people of Bolivar and Chavez, but also a special circumstance, which is the exemplary discipline and the spirit of the National Bolivarian Armed Forces. "Today, Venezuela counts on the best equipped soldiers and officers in Latin America."

In his letter, Fidel Castro recalls that when Maduro recently met with military officers he could observe that they all were determined to die for their homeland.

Fidel also said that the extraordinary Summit of the countries with the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our Americas (ALBA) is meeting today in Caracas to analyze the US policy against Venezuela and ALBA.

He also recalled the struggle of the Venezuelan people through history and how imperialism exploited its oil resources. He noted that oil resources, which formed over millions of years, would be exhausted in less than a century from now, and the world population, now calculated at 7.2 billion, will double that number in one hundred years. He said that in the next two hundred years, the global population will be 21 billion, and only the most advanced technology could perhaps help the survival of the Human Species for some more time.

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