Bolivian President Evo Morales Rejects Trump's Travel Ban on Venezuela



La Paz, September 25 (RHC)-- Bolivian President Evo Morales has slammed the interventionist policies of U.S. President Donald Trump against Venezuela, attacking the administration's mixed messages.

"A few days ago Trump supported dialogue in Venezuela. Now he acts like the boss and announces a political wall that prohibits the entry of Venezuelans to the United States," Morales tweeted.

He also expressed his support for the Bolivarian government, asserting that Venezuela "has a policy of internationalism, with solidarity and brotherhood; and not of interventionism or coup."

The Bolivian head of state rejected Trump's actions, saying that this decision violates the letter of the OAS. "By attacking Venezuela, Trump attacks Latin America and violates the OAS Charter with the complicity of its employee (Luis) Almagro," Morales said in another tweet. According to the OAS Charter, the American states consecrate an order of peace and justice, promoting solidarity and defending the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of the countries.

On Sunday, the White House announced that Venezuela, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Chad were to be included in a new list of countries banned from traveling to the United States due to their lack of security or lack of cooperation with U.S. authorities.

In the case of Venezuela, the new decree is aimed at "certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate family members," according to the White House press office. The new directive prevents Venezuelan officials involved in state security, law enforcement and migration functions from entering the United States. Immediate family members' ability to enter the U.S. as nonimmigrants on business, tourist and tourist/business visas will also be suspended.

The sanctions, according to Washington, were imposed because the Venezuelan government "does not cooperate to verify if its citizens pose threats of national security or public security, does not adequately share information related to public security and terrorism," nor does it provide collaboration "with respect to receiving their nationals subject to final orders of expulsion from the United States."

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