

UN Human Rights council adopts resolution rejecting US coercive measures



Geneva, July 15 (RHC)--The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution over the weekend condemning the imposition of unilateral coercive measures by the United States and its allies against Venezuela and other member states.

The draft resolution was approved with 28 votes in favor, 14 against and five abstentions, and was presented by Venezuela and Palestine on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement (NAM), except Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, and Peru.

"I am grateful for the overwhelming support of the member states of the UN Human Rights Council for the resolution presented by the presidency of NAM in favor of Venezuela. A victory that expands international cooperation and rejects imperial sanctions," Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro tweeted Sunday.

The document also reaffirms the "inalienable right" of every State "to choose freely and develop, in accordance with the sovereign will of its people, its own political, social, economic and cultural systems, without interference from any other State or non-State actor," in strict conformity with international law.

Venezuela presented a resolution to deepen International Cooperation and reject Unilateral Coercive Measures at the UN Human Rights Council, which was approved with large support from its member states.

In May, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of sanctions, Idriss Jazairy, expressed that the use of economic sanctions for political purposes against Cuba, Venezuela, and Iran violate human rights and international law.

The latest resolution comes after Venezuelan government strong rejection of the report presented by UN Human Rights Chief, Michelle Bachelet, after she made a visit to the South American country.

In the document, the High Commissioner omits major positive policies adopted by the government of Nicolas Maduro and fails to mention the economic war being thrust upon the country by the U.S. government.

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