

# *Venezuela affirms that lifting sanctions is priority at Mexico meeting with opposition*

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**The government and the Venezuelan opposition will meet again in Mexico from September 3 to 6. | Photo: Presidential Press Office**

Caracas, August 19 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro affirmed on Wednesday that the priority at the dialogue table that his government holds with the opposition in Mexico is the recovery of the economy and the lifting of unilateral coercive measures.

The Venezuelan president said that the plenipotentiary envoy for the government, Jorge Rodríguez, "is going to bring to the dialogue table, as a vital point, the issue of sanctions, their lifting and the economic recovery of Venezuela."

The government and the Venezuelan opposition, under the auspices of Norway and Mexico, held last weekend a first round of talks in the Mexican capital and agreed to meet again from September 3rd to the 6th.

During a news conference in Caracas to present the results of the Technical Tables of the Higher Council of Economy, Maduro said: "They must return to Venezuela all the assets, the bank accounts, the dollars that belong to the Venezuelan people."

"All Venezuelans want economic recovery and Mexico is the opportunity for the extremist opposition, monitored from the United States and some European countries, to understand that the time of sabotage, coup and interventionism is over."

President Maduro pointed out that the world is a witness. "The opposition recognizes that there is a legitimate Government and it is presided over by Nicolás Maduro and we recognize that there is an opposition that wants dialogue and understanding; everything is in its place and the world recognizes it," he expressed.

President Maduro also noted that the Memorandum of Understanding signed during the first round of talks in Mexico, is Law of the Republic once it was published in the Official Gazette.

Last Tuesday, the deputies of the South American country unanimously approved the agreement of legislative support to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government and the opposition in Mexico.

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