

# *Venezuela strongly rejects the robbery of Citgo by U.S. authorities*

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Caracas, June 18 (RHC)-- The Government of Venezuela has strongly rejected what it called the process of dispossession of the company Citgo Petroleum Corporation (Citgo), which continues to be carried out by U.S. authorities.

This process is carried out “under the subterfuge of a judicial procedure for the forced sale of shares that is clearly contrary to the law,” denounced a statement released by Delcy Rodríguez, Executive Vice

President of Venezuela.

Delcy Rodriguez explained in the text that Citgo is an important strategic asset of the state company Petróleos de Venezuela (Pdvsa) and pointed out that its "forced sale constitutes another episode of the multiform aggression" carried out by U.S. institutions against the Bolivarian Republic.

All of this with the objective of plundering the Venezuelan people of the assets that belong to them, in open transgression of the norms that govern peaceful coexistence between States and "in open compromise with the extremist factors of national anti-politics, servile to the orders of Washington," she said.

The note specified that the Bolivarian Executive and PDVSA were excluded from the judicial sale of Citgo and were "prevented from defending their rights before the U.S. courts."

The Venezuelan vice president denounced that authorities of the U.S. government had the complicity of the organized crime group calling itself "National Assembly of 2015", led by Juan Guaidó, Julio Borges and the caste of Venezuelan neo-fascism.

The statement specified that since 2019, they have attempted to usurp the institutions and representation of the Republic and its entities abroad.

The Bolivarian Republic reiterated that "it does not and will not recognize the forced sale of Citgo that is being carried out, in flagrant disregard of economic guarantees, due process and the right to defense, guaranteed by any civilized nation."

The Venezuelan vice president confirmed that her country will continue to adopt all the measures at its disposal to prevent the consummation of the dispossession of that PDVSA company, while reserving the exercise of actions against any company or individual that acquires the shares, facilitates the purchase or negotiates with its assets.

As well as against those responsible for "the dispossession of this asset of great importance for the present and future of Venezuelans," stressed the vice president.

Delcy Rodriguez stressed that the Bolivarian people will know how to respond, in great national unity, to reject this brazen theft by the United States Government, together with the criminals of national extremism. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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