

Venezuelan Government Congratulates Syriza on Election Win



Caracas, January 26 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The Venezuelan government has congratulated Alexis Tsipras, the leader of the left-wing Syriza party, who won a massive victory in Greece's parliamentary elections Sunday and has been inaugurated as the country's prime minister.

"Venezuela warmly congratulates the Syriza coalition party and Alexis Tsipras for their historic victory, wishing them success and complete solidarity and support," a government statement read.

Venezuelan Communities Minister Elias Jaua said in a tweet: "The Greek people, after a long and historic battle against neo-liberalism, has crowned itself a wonderful victory. Syriza is fresh air for Europe!"

The party won just over 36 percent of the vote, with 99 percent counted, securing 149 parliamentary seats. The party needed 151 seats for a clear majority and has formed a coalition. Syriza's focus is the reversal of austerity that it says has substantially damaged the Greek economy and living standards and its victory has been welcomed by progressive movements worldwide.

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