

China affirms that only the Venezuelan people can resolve their problems



Beijing, February 11 (RHC)-- Venezuela should resolve its own matters through peaceful talks and China supports the international community's efforts in this regard, according to a statement by the Chinese foreign ministry.

The ministry said while it supports the recent international efforts by some EU countries and others in Latin America, China still supports an internal resolution to the conflict away from interference and intervention.

"Venezuela's affairs should be resolved by its people within the framework of the constitution and the law through peaceful dialogue and political channels," the ministry said. "Only this way can Venezuela realize lasting stability."

About 20 European Union nations including Britain, Germany, France and Spain have aligned with the United States in recognizing Juan Guaidó as Venezuela's interim president and pressuring President Nicolás Maduro to call a new election.

Offering a counterpoint to Washington's hard-line stance, the EU and a group of Latin American governments, who still recognized Juan Guaidó's illegal self-declaration as the "interim president" of Venezuela, called for dialogue and fresh elections while rejecting suggestions by Washington of a possible military intervention if Maduro refuses to step down soon.

China's foreign ministry said China supported the efforts of the international community for the peaceful settlement of the Venezuelan issue and hoped all parties would continue to play a constructive role.

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