

# *Russia submits draft resolution on Venezuela at UN security council*

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United Nations (RHC-Sputnik) - The government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has the primary role in the organization of foreign humanitarian aid deliveries and this assistance should be provided at the request of the country's authorities, a Russian-sponsored draft UN Security Council resolution, obtained by Sputnik reads.

According to the text of the Russian-sponsored document, the draft resolution "reaffirms the primary role of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the initiation, organization, coordination and implementation of international assistance efforts and initiatives within its national territory, and recalls that such assistance should be provided with the consent of and on the basis of an appeal by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela".

The document also stresses the need to conduct political dialogue, aimed at settling the current crisis in the Bolivarian Republic, including the implementation of the Montevideo mechanism.

The Montevideo mechanism, which was proposed by Mexico, Uruguay and the Caribbean Community, envisages four stages — the immediate launch of a dialogue between the Venezuelan sides on the

situation in the country, negotiations process, drafting of an agreement and implementation of the deal.

“The settlement of the current situation in Venezuela should be achieved through peaceful means and the threats to use force against Venezuela raised concern,” the text of Russia's draft resolution reiterated.

The United Nations and the Red Cross have urged Washington not to politicize humanitarian assistance and not to deliver aid without the consent of the Venezuelan government.

The vote on the UN Security Council draft resolution is set to take place later on Thursday.

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