

Statement by MOVPAZ in the Face of the Escalade of Imperialist Aggressions

The Cuban Movement for Peace and Sovereignty of the Peoples sets forth its most emphatic condemnation for the warlike escalade that has been taking place in recent weeks against Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Said offensive – evidenced by the numerous actions and measures in practically all spheres – has its origin in the hostile policy practiced by the President of the United States, Donald Trump against several nations and particularly against the peoples of Bolívar and Martí.

The shots fired at the Cuban Embassy in Washington last April 30 and the landing in La Guaira, in the vicinity of Caracas a few hours later of an armed group organized in Colombia with sponsorship and financing of the USA Intelligence Services with the purpose of assassinating Bolivarian leaders and unleashing a *coup d'état* in Venezuela are expressions of the most varied attitudes of the USA war circles.

Particularly shameful is the fact that this demented persecution against Cuba, Venezuela, and also against Nicaragua (they also get hopes up of liquidating the Sandinista Revolution) takes place at a time when humankind is suffering the horrors of a pandemic that daily snatches tens of thousands of lives. The USA government should focus solely in protecting its population in the face of the increase of the infected and mortal victims in that country. These are not times of caves and big guys with sticks in their hands, pretending to intimidate their contemporaries.

The aggressions of the empire and its allies are a threat not only for these countries but for the entire region by endangering the postulates that proclaim Latin America and the Caribbean as Zone of Peace.

More than a century ago José Martí taught those of us whose hearts beat from the core of Our America and those from any other geography that a just idea emerged from the bottom of a cave can be stronger than an army. Imbued by that spirit and waving world peace as pillar, the peoples of Cuba and Venezuela will not yield an inch.

Hands off Cuba!

Hands off Venezuela!

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