

## **COMUNICATION**

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The education of our children is the most important thing for the development of a country and therefore of a society.

Nic Dawes said that "the real threat to human rights comes from democratically elected populist politicians, who see human rights as an obstacle, who say they need more power to protect the population from other, supposedly dangerous people: refugees, migrants, "LGBT people"

Why do Venezuelans not want or cannot return to Venezuela if the country is supposedly fixed? How are we going to want to return to Venezuela? Yeah...

- We woke up one morning on January 15, 6 years ago, with the broadcast of a group of Venezuelans, who surrendered, were massacred live and directly by soldiers of the Venezuelan regime, which also made us remember the death of more than 200 young Venezuelans in protests of 2014 and 2017, deaths that have gone unpunished.1-2
- We remember the widespread torture in prisons and houses of terror in rural and urban places in Venezuela against citizens who demonstrate and denounce the regime.3
- We remember the various dialogue tables that the government set up to prolong its stay in power, a democratic country that has been destroyed and that many in the international community have been complicit4-5
- We remember how they beat opposition deputies, humiliating the will of a people who longed for change, who had elected them as a sign of that desire for change.6
- We remember how they appointed magistrates, prosecutors, judges, parallel governors and violated all types of laws to remain in power.7
- We remember how many died due to lack of medicine, security, poor nutrition, fellow citizens came to eat from the garbage, while these leaders never denied opulence with

- their own actions, how homes were destroyed by the separation of parents where those most affected They were children. 5
- We remember the long lines we stood in for food, medicine, etc., not to mention the degrading public services.9-10
- We do not forget the struggle in the streets, protests, elections, in voluntary expressions in the country for 25 years11
- We do not forget that they looted state funds that belong to Venezuelans.12
- We remember the attack on human rights and freedoms, including freedom of the press.13-14
- We will not forget how Venezuela became a paradise for drug trafficking and criminal activities, and how the government itself became involved in these.15
- We will not forget how they sold sovereignty to various foreign countries whose ideas sympathize with the dictatorship.16
- We will never forget those who lost their lives fighting for a better future.17
- Some were forced into a traumatic, humiliating, difficult and painful migration due to
  the conditions of a non-democratic country, some parents walked hundreds of
  kilometers with their children, some who had to travel through Darien lost their lives,
  some children drowned., were mistreated and raped, thus cutting short their future,
  and others were victims of confinement in a country with few opportunities to
  emerge.18

In that sense, our group calls on national and international organizations and governments with democratic principles and values and that respect human rights so that their position is intransigent in accepting the pronouncements of the Venezuelan narco regime, among them, that VENEZUELA IS FIXED; since accepting them is a mockery and disrespect for the Venezuelan population. We also request that you establish EFFECTIVE ACTIONS in favor of Venezuelan society and that these are not limited to just signing documents. We also remind you that the vast majority of Venezuelans have fought and struggled to defend freedom and democratic principles in our country; However, it is not easy to face guns, murderers and jail.

Given the events that have happened in recent months, we believe it is necessary to remember the real nature of the regime that prevails in Venezuela that wants us to forget about said events, when currently, it is a public, notorious and communicational fact that:

- 1. Citizens continue to be tortured, imprisoned, prosecuted and disappeared.19-20
- 2. The Venezuelan opposition is attacked, creating policies such as the plan: "Bolivarian fury"21
- 3. The international community continues to be mocked with supposed dialogues to perpetuate itself in power; consequently, what can be expected against ordinary citizens.22
- 4. Sovereignty is handed over to foreign countries23
- 5. Impunity continues for crimes against humanity, corruption, social inequality, the increase in the power of rulers, etc.24
- 6. The migration of a people who want change but who are condemned by the dictatorship continues.25-26
- 7. Freedom of expression and human rights continue to be violated, against activists, social communicators, teachers and the population in general.27-28-29
- 8. Many Venezuelans continue to eat poorly, dying in hospitals due to lack of medicine, a terrible educational system is maintained, while the representatives of the regime, their families and entourage do not hide their opulence.30
- 9. There is no division of powers; on the contrary, anarchy deepens.31

10. The regime continues to overlap irregular groups, called collectives, guerrillas, paramilitaries, and drug cartels.32-33

The aim is to convince the international community and the Venezuelans themselves that "Venezuela is fixed", when each of us lived and lives a reality that cannot be hidden with communications, writings, resolutions or agreements.

Therefore, we publicly denounce the Venezuelan drug regime and all its accomplices at the national and international level.

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