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## TOPIC OF THE WEEK



# Dialogue in Mexico: a historical step for peace and the end of the blockade

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and sectors of the extremist opposition began in Mexico City a new cycle of dialogue for the stability of the country. After six months of talks that led to an agenda focused on political rights, guarantees, a timetable for elections, the lifting of the so-called sanctions and respect for the Constitutional State of Law.

Political and social coexistence, the protection of the economy and the guarantees of implementation and verification of what has been agreed will also be addressed, as established in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on August 13 by the delegation of the Bolivarian Government, the opposition grouped in the so-called Unitary Platform of Venezuela and the representative of Norway, a country that acts as a facilitator.

"We arrived in Mexico, united, strong and with humility," after "overcoming all obstacles, threats, assassinations, attacks and sanctions," said the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro, who has been consistent with the dialogue with all the po-

litical sectors, from the least extremist to the most radical subordinated to the United States.

During a press conference with international media, President Maduro recalled that in 2019 a Table of Agreements was established with democratic sectors of the opposition, which led to the 2020 parliamentary elections and the renewal of the Electoral Power authorities in 2021. In a dialogue "without foreign interventionism, listening to the national voice."

In Venezuela there have been "two dialogues: one fruitful, national, with its own voice, which has opened floodgates towards the electoral participation of the entire opposition, which has pacified the country, which has allowed reunion and reconciliation; and another dialogue that has been dependent on the gringos, where they have kicked the table several times."

The signing of the memorandum implies, in practice, the recognition of the Government of President Nicolás Maduro by the most extremist opposition, which puts an end to an unconstitutional tirade for

a parallel institutionality.

"We must give weight to this historic step we have taken in Mexico, for comprehensive economic and social recovery," said the President. He added that the process "has started successfully and full of hope. We are going to do what is possible and impossible because this time the opposition does not kick the table, does not break the path of dialogue." The memorandum, which proposes a comprehensive negotiation to establish clear rules of political and social coexistence, with absolute respect for the National Constitution, was signed by the plenipotentiary envoy of the Government, Jorge Rodríguez; the head of the opposition delegation, Gerardo Blyde, and Dag Nylander, from Norway.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and Russia will be partners in this process. Norway will shortly invite and announce the nations that will make up the Friends of the Dialogue Group. The next round of negotiations will take place between September 3-6.

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## DIPLOMACY



### Venezuela establishes humanitarian bridge with Haiti

The Venezuelan Government activated a humanitarian bridge for the transportation of supplies to the people of Haiti, affected last August 14th by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake which has left more than 2,100 dead, more than 3,000 injured and damage to residential structures.

An airplane of the state-owned Conviaza transported to Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, 30 tons of materials to provide assistance, including medicines, food and drinking water.

In addition to supplies, the Venezuelan Government offers professional assistance with a team of the Simón Bolívar Humanitarian Task Force, a body specialized in rescue and pre-hospital medical assistance.

"We have all the capacities created and the Task Force activated to continue offering our help to the brotherly Haitian people," said the sectoral vice-president for Citizen Security, Carmen Meléndez, who indicated that the delivery of more supplies through flights is being discussed, as well as the transportation of a ship with specialized equipment.

#### Aid to a brotherly people

As soon as the information on the earthquake that affected the southwest of Haiti was made public, the Bolivarian Government issued an official communiqué in which it placed itself at the disposal "to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance, which will contribute to overcome this regrettable and painful event."

This is a consistent position on the part of Venezuela, which in 2010 also provided assistance to the people of the Caribbean country after an earthquake of magnitude 7, which caused 200,000 deaths, 300,000 injured and the destruction of a large part of Port-au-Prince.

In the face of these situations, the ties of friendship between Venezuela and the Haitian people are reaffirmed, a bond born with Simón Bolívar and Alejandro Petión two hundred years ago, strengthened in the 21st century by Commander Hugo Chávez and President Nicolás Maduro.

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## CAPSULES OF IDEAS

*"Divided we will be slaves: united I am sure we will defeat them: let's do a patriotic effort, let's put aside personal resentments, and conclude our deed with honor."*

José de San Martín, Mendoza, March 13, 1819.

## NEWS BRIEF



### ASEAN Anniversary

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, joined in Caracas the celebration for the 54 years of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which he considers "a benchmark of diplomacy, cooperation and peace, which was born from the dawn of the bipolar world and has become one of the poles of this multipolar world."

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### India, an example of peace

The independence of India, achieved 75 years ago, is a benchmark for peace in the modern world, said Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza. Today, when Covid-19 is being fought, that sister nation has been "a great light, with its biotechnology, its industrial capacity in the production of vaccines, medicines and supplies," both for Asia and for Latin America.

### For a harmonious relationship

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, expressed to the new Charge d'Affaires of the United Kingdom accredited in Venezuela, Rebecca Buckingham, the expectation to improve diplomatic relations between both nations. He insisted on the need to build a harmonious relationship of respect for sovereignty and International Law.

### Cooperation Agenda

The Vice Minister for Asia, the Middle East and Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, Capaya Rodríguez, reviewed together with Mohammad Nazari, the general manager of International Relations of the Assembly of Discernment of Convenience of the Iranian System, possible joint projects and the preparations for the IX High Level Mixed Commission between both nations.



## UNBLOCK



SPECIAL RAPPOORTEURS  
INDEPENDENT EXPERTS  
& WORKING GROUPS

### Experts warn that UCM slow down people's development

Independent experts appointed by the Human Rights Council of the United Nations (UN) warned in their latest report that unilateral coercive measures (UCM) compromise the integral development of the inhabitants of the countries targeted by such actions, so it is a punishment for innocent civilians that must end.

The UCM "makes it difficult for entire populations to stay healthy and hinders the transport of goods necessary for economic development," the experts denounce, adding that the people of countries such as Venezuela, Cuba, Syria and Iran are directly affected by these measures, since they compromise the optimal provision of essential basic services, the obtaining of medicines and food.

"Sanctions slow down the development of countries, they also hold back people and, in a globalized world, that hurts everyone," say independent experts and rapporteurs Alena Douhan, Obiora Okafor, Livingstone Sewanyana and Tlaleng Mofokeng, who recall that the human right to development is inalienable.

The illegal blockade also hits data and internet service providers employed in the medical area, as well as in academic training in general, a situation that is aggravated in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jorge Arreaza, for his part, once again condemned the cruel UCM imposed by the United States and its allied governments, and expressed: "There is no doubt that it is a crime against humanity that the Prosecutor's Office of the International Criminal Court must investigate."

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## REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS



### Labour force drives economic recovery

Due to restrictions caused by the Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed by the United States on Venezuela, the Oriente Fertilizers Plant of the state-owned Pequiven Company was condemned to closure. However the plant's workforce, composed mainly of women, reorganized its processes to daily produce 1,900 metric tons of granulated urea, one of the most widely used fertilizers in agriculture.

Today, it meets 93% of the country's fertilizer demand. "This product is the effort of the petrochemical talent that works in our plant with pride, it is a team that does not give up in the face of difficulties," said engineer Luceida Albeaca. While Ninoska La Concha, Manager of the plant, explained that women make up 50% of the management team of the company, which in total has 492 workers.

This working group succeeded in substituting components for new mixtures and resuming production, which includes specialized formulas of agro-

chemicals for sowing of various items.

With the reactivation, Oriente Fertilizers restarts the export of urea to the international market, reported the Sectoral Vice President of Economy, Tareck El Aissami, when showing this experience to the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro "More and more, I admire working women, professional women, our workers and the Venezuelan working class," expressed the Head of State from Caracas, and further stressed that the plant was "recovered with Venezuelan engineering, science and technology."

He congratulated the group of workers, who are on "the right path of work, of efficiency."

"We are creating our own spare parts, overcoming criminal sanctions, the arrogant blockade of imperialism and producing for the development of the country."

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## VENEZUELA IN IMAGES

### Carlos Cruz-Diez, at the forefront of kinetic art

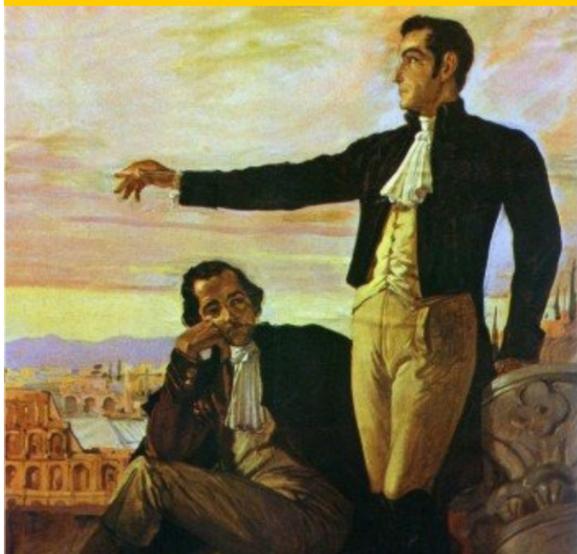
Master of kinetic and optical art, Carlos Cruz-Diez (1923-2019), born in Caracas on August 17, is considered one of the most avant-garde artists in the world. He created artworks in which he

engages the viewer and provides another notion to colour, separating it from its relationship with space and time.

WORK: CHROMATIQUE ENVIRONMENT



## HEROIC ROOTS



### Anti-imperialist compromise in Monte Sacro

When he was just 22 years old, Simón Bolívar sealed his pact for the liberation of Venezuela. At the Monte Sacro, in Rome, he swore to break the chains of the Spanish yoke. He showed a political maturity after his trip to Europe, where he met with his mentor Simón Rodríguez, and with him, they reflected upon America's historical path.

Bolívar met with Rodríguez in 1805; they visited Turin and Milan, and there they witnessed the coronation of Napoleon as an emperor. In July they arrived to Rome.

On August 15, along with Fernando Rodríguez del Toro, a friend of the Liberator and participant of the Venezuelan liberation movement, they went to the Monte Sacro, a place where roman plebeians met in 494 B.C. to fight against the system which privileged patricians. On that mount Bolívar concluded that the biggest problem of man in liberty could be figured in the so called New World.

And with a feverish expression, as Rodríguez described it, the future Liberator manifested: "I swear before you; I swear on my parents God; I swear for them; I swear by my honor and by my homeland, that I will not rest my arm or my soul until I have broken the chains that oppress us by the will of the Spanish powers."

And he complied. In less than 20 years. By 1824 he had liberated Venezuela, as well as Nueva Granada (today Colombia and Panama), Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. His way of thinking found fertile terrain in men like Commander Hugo Chávez, who visited the Monte Sacro in 2005, which was considered by him as the place where Bolívar was born as a Liberator, and President Nicolás Maduro, who went there in 2013 to reaffirm his compromise with sovereignty and liberty.

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## BEATS OF OUR PEOPLE



### 26 glory fighters in the Paralympic Games

They found in sports the opportunity to reach great goals and fill Venezuela with pride. Between August 24 and September 5, we will have 26 athletes with a long history of triumphs in international competitions who will represent the nation in the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020+1.

They will participate in six sports: athletics, swimming, cycling, table tennis, judo and weight lifting. This is the third largest delegation the country has had and 16 athletes will compete in athletics. Amongst them Abraham Ortega, in shot put (F46, motor disability), diploma in Rio 2016 and multiple medalist in the Para-Panamerican Games.

He is a standard bearer next to Lisbeli Vera, who will compete in 100, 200 and 400 meters (T47, motor disability). In the 400 m race she won a gold medal and imposed a record of 59.10 seconds in the Para-Panamericans in Lima 2019, where she also

obtained two silver medals.

Tokio 2020+1 "will be some magical games. I am very proud to be a bearer and represent my country. I dream with winning a medal. I have worked to achieve it," Lisbeli Vera declared as the Ministry for Communication and Information reports.

Sol Rojas will also assist, she is leader of the ranking of the World Para Athletics and silver medalist in Rio 2016 in the 400 meters race (T11, visual disability). In Tokyo she will compete in 200 and 400 meters; her guide is Edicson Medina.

Another paralympic medalist, Rafael Uribe, bronze in Rio 2016, will represent us in the high jump (F64/T64, motor disability).

In the Rio Paralympics of 2016, the Venezuelan delegation won six medals (three silver, three bronze) and obtained 23 diplomas.

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## UNCOVERING FAKE NEWS

### Double standards and lies: the strategy of the Colombian oligarchy

Feeding false matrices about alleged crimes against humanity, misrepresenting pronouncements and procedures of international law, is one of the strategies used by the Colombian oligarchy to attack Venezuela. This time, President Iván Duque intends to present as a final decision the pronouncement of Fatou Bensouda, former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), on the preliminary examination concerning the Venezuelan State.

In this regard, Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza warned that the position of the Colombian President, whose government and those of Alvaro Uribe "have been responsible for the worst crimes against humanity in the history of Colombia and all of Latin America," shows that "he is very misinformed about the issues of the ICC."

Bensouda's views "have no value whatsoever" under current conditions, while omitting the collaboration and documentation submitted by Venezuela to the ICC, as indicated by the Attorney General of the Republic, Tarek William Saab. In addition to not knowing how the ICC works, Duque's position reflects the double standards of his administration, which faces complaints such as those made by the Colombian Senator, Gustavo Petro, who revealed that the company that provided the software for the plebiscite on the Peace Agreements, in 2016, is the same one that hired the mercenaries who assassinated the President of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse, last July. The Colombian government tries to hide the direct relationship with the murderous mercenaries.