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**ALBA Countries Condemn Interference by US and Latam Allies**

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The Union for Social and Popular Movements (ALBA) issued on Sunday a statement admonishing U.S. actions against Venezuela and its people, and condemning the recent statement issued by [the Lima Group](#).

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ALBA expressed "concerns" in a seven-point statement in support of “the united struggle of our peoples,” in which it decries the interventionist rhetoric made by the Lima group, which they described as having “the singular purpose thus far of threatening the sovereignty of the Venezuelan state breaking with the principles of ‘not interfering in the internal affairs of a nation.’”

The group of countries, including, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Saint Lucia all signed on to a statement that calls for President of Venezuela Nicolas

Maduro to not take office for his second six-year term on Jan. 10, but instead, devolve his presidential powers to the Venezuelan National Assembly.

These thirteen countries have called the most recent elections, in which Nicolas Maduro was elected with more than 60% of the vote, illegitimate, despite the numerous international observers providing oversight.

ALBA states that the countries are “violating the Venezuelan people and its institutions by negating Venezuela’s appeals to the United Nations for help to combat the “national emergency created by the coercive and unilateral blockade placed on the country by the United States.”

On the same day during a public act at the Military Academy of Caracas, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro reiterated his commitment to the defense of Venezuela's sovereignty and rejected any interference from the U.S. government and their allies, confirming he will take office on Jan. 10 in the Supreme Tribunal of Justice.

"The problems of each country are solved by their people and the problems of Venezuelans are solved by Venezuelans without the intervention of another government in the world, this is what I am about, this is what the Revolution is about, and the Revolution is stronger than ever", Maduro concluded.

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