Latin America Countries to Unite to Assist African Countries with Ebola

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The president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, called on all Latin American nations to unite to address the Ebola outbreak crisis in five West African countries on Sunday night.

Maduro spoke after arriving in Havana, Cuba, to attend the ALBA (the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America) emergency summit on Monday, in which leaders of several Latin American and Caribbean nations will discuss the next steps to fight the spread of the virus which has killed more than 4,000 people in just months.

The summit was called to gather public health authorities in the region “and to set out the conclusions and proposals for action protocols to the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean,” said Maduro at Havana international airport.

The president of Venezuela also called on all nations to standardize emergency protocols.

"We need to unify criteria. (The summit) is a good move. The ALBA is leading the way on an issue that is of concern and alarming the global public. We must standardize protocols,” added Maduro.

Maduro also said that during the summit he will propose to call to an emergency meeting of all the members of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

It is very important to listen to what experts have to say “so that our authorities and our scientist personnel and Latin America and the Caribbean tackles the spread,” said Maduro referring to

the United Nations and World Health Organization officials that will attend this week's summit.

Maduro also praised the Cuban government and its efforts to address the Ebola outbreak.

"We must recognize that the only country in our continent that has sent a delegation of 165 health professionals to Sierra Leone, is Cuba. Cuba is a leading nation in humanism, solidarity, and human support to the people of world," said Maduro.

Maduro arriving at the airport tonight.The Tweet says "In this summit we are going to go over what we can do to help west Africa".