



Statement on the New Coup Attempt in Venezuela

In response to a renewed coup attempt in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the **Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)**:

1. Condemns the new coup attempt, recently uncovered by the government of Venezuela, promoted by elements of Venezuela's rightwing opposition and which included acts of violence and destabilisation measures. Civilians and members of the military have been directly linked to the new coup attempt, supported by governments of foreign powers and rightwing coupsters from the region.
2. Condemns the public call made by the Venezuelan right wing for a so-called "National Transition Agreement", advocating a series of economic, social and political measures, which, to be implemented, would involve, among others, a break with the democratic institutions and the rule of law, and which highlight the link between this call and the coup plot denounced by the Venezuelan government.
3. Expresses concern over the systematic, foreign-backed attempts to destabilise Venezuela, and calls for full respect for the Venezuelan people's right to sovereignty, self determination and peace. In this regard, the TUCA condemns the unilateral sanctions imposed on Venezuelan citizens by foreign powers, which only serve to contribute to the climate of destabilisation fostered by the rightwing coupsters.
4. Expresses solidarity with the people of Venezuela and their democratic aspirations, and laments the acts of violence that have claimed the lives of innocent people, such as the student Kluibert Roa, killed in the state of Táchira. Condemns the political capital made out of these deaths to deepen the climate of instability.
5. Urges the political authorities in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to investigate, identify and punish those responsible for the human rights violations and to make every effort necessary to deal with this renewed destabilisation strategy in keeping with the rule of law and democratic institutions, guaranteeing full respect for human rights.
6. Welcomes the position and solidarity of the governments of UNASUR, ALBA and CELAC at this critical moment in the life of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and their continued support for the promotion of dialogue and understanding between the various political and social groups.
7. Finally, the TUCA calls on the international trade union movement to support the Venezuelan people and to back the full validity of their democratic institutions, their sovereignty and peace in this country.

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