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CONCLUSION OF THE XXIII SUMMIT OF THE BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF OUR AMERICA – PEOPLES TRADE AGREEMENT (ALBA-TCP)

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, April 29, 2024 – On Wednesday, 24th April 2024, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro welcomed regional leaders across Latin America and the Caribbean and specially invited guests; Honduran Ambassador to Venezuela, H.E. Scarleth Romero, to the Miraflores Palace to discuss the prospect for regional integration in light of current challenges, promoting the exchange of ideas and strategies among the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) countries. Additionally, Heads adopted the Summit Declaration and the 2030 ALBA-TCP Strategic Agenda, outlining the horizons for the development of member countries in the upcoming years.

Throughout the meeting, Heads of State and Government reiterated support for CELAC as a mechanism for regional integration and political coordination and the importance and commitment to the defense of the “Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace.” Further, the Alliance expressed the firmest rejection of the outrageous raid of the Mexican Embassy in Quito by the government of Ecuador, setting a dangerous precedent that threatens the peace and stability of the region. The Alliance also reaffirmed the just claim to European countries for reparations and compensation as a result of colonialism and condemned the U.S. blockade against Cuba.

The Alliance also demanded the urgent need to coordinate mechanisms of effective cooperation and solidarity with the people and sister Republic of Haiti in order to progress on the path towards long-lasting peace and sustainable development and voicing the rejection of interventionism.

Additionally, the Alliance condemned the genocide committed by Israel in the Gaza Strip, resulting in one of the worst humanitarian calamities and demand a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the Israel – Palestinian conflict through dialogue, based on the creation of two-states, allowing Palestine to exercise its right to self-determination as an independent and sovereign State, with East Jerusalem as its capital, within the pre-1967 borders, and guaranteeing the right of return of refugees.

The discussions were marked by a spirit of collaboration and a commitment to finding common ground to address the complex issues affecting the region.

President Maduro underscored the significance of the ALBA-TCP as a platform for promoting unity and progress among member nations, reaffirming the organisation's commitment to principles of sovereignty, self-determination, and social justice, thus the establishment of the ALBA-TCP Plan for 2030. This agenda, known as ALBA 2030, has seven lines of work in the short and medium term:

- The creation of an ALBA-TCP cooperation and development agency,
- Study and approval of the Petrocaribe relaunch plan,
- Approval of the ALBA Food plan,
- The signing and definitive adoption of the People's Trade Treaty,
- Promotion a special programme of shared scientific, cultural, communication and academic development,
- Relaunch of the ALBA Health plan, and
- Creation of an ALBA agency to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The outcomes following the conclusion of the Summit are particularly important given that the Alliance will celebrate 20 years of existence this year, having been established since December 14th 2004.

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