

**JOINT STATEMENT BY PROGRESSIVE FORCES CALLING FOR THE
IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

Date: 15 January 2026.

We, the undersigned organizations and movements committed to social justice, democracy, and international law, grounded in anti-imperialist struggle and peoples' sovereignty, unite in unequivocal condemnation of the recent kidnapping of Nicolás Maduro, the constitutionally recognized President of Venezuela, by armed forces acting on behalf of the United States government. This act constitutes an expression of imperial violence, representing a flagrant violation of Venezuela's sovereignty, the fundamental right to self-determination, and the norms of civilized international conduct. It reflects a long-standing pattern of U.S. interventionism aimed at 'disciplining' states that resist imperial control over resources, political systems, and development paths.

The abduction of President Maduro is not merely an attack on an individual, but a direct assault on popular sovereignty and the collective democratic agency of the Venezuelan working masses and the foundational principles of the United Nations Charter. It represents a dangerous escalation in the use of unilateral coercive force, and abduction as instruments of imperial power, and sets a perilous precedent that threatens the sovereignty of all nations. Such actions erode global trust and expose a contempt for the diplomatic and legal frameworks designed to maintain peace and order between states.

Guided by reflection and inspiration from the principled statements and positions of progressive organizations and sovereign states across the world, we call upon the conscience of the international community to:

1. Publicly denounce U.S. imperialist aggression against Venezuela in all its forms, including military attacks on civilians, coercion, and regime-change operations. Demand accountability for violations of international law.
2. Organize pickets and deliver letters of protest at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide, demanding an immediate end to aggression against Venezuela.
3. Demand the immediate and unconditional release of President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, and reject any act of state-sponsored kidnapping, detention, or removal of Venezuela's elected leadership.

4. Categorically reject all forms of foreign military intervention, intelligence operations, occupation, and regime change efforts in Venezuela.
5. Uphold and reaffirm Venezuela's inalienable right to political independence, self-governance, and territorial integrity, free from foreign intervention, occupation, or imposed authority.
6. Insist that all disputes be resolved through peaceful negotiation and multilateral diplomacy. Reject coercion, subversion, sanctions, and the use of force as tools of international policy.
7. Affirm that true democracy means allowing the Venezuelan people to determine their political and economic future without foreign destabilization or interference.
8. Petition governments and parliaments to publicly condemn U.S. actions and to sever all military, intelligence, and security cooperation with the aggressor.
9. Sustain coordinated social media campaigns using hashtags such as #HandsOffVenezuela and #FreeMaduro to break the media blockade and spread accurate information.
10. Hold popular assemblies, political education workshops, forums, and documentary screenings in communities, universities, and workplaces to expose imperialist strategies aimed at seizing resources and undermining sovereignty.
11. Stand in active solidarity with the Venezuelan people and all nations resisting imperial domination, affirming that an attack on one sovereign people is an attack on all.

We express our unwavering solidarity with the people of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in this moment of crisis. History teaches us that imperialism and foreign intervention breed only instability, conflict, and human suffering.

Grounded in Pan-Africanism, anti-colonial struggle, and South-South solidarity, as progressive forces, we reject this archaic doctrine of might-makes-right. We recommit ourselves to building a just world order where sovereignty is respected, international law is upheld, and the self-determination of all peoples is guaranteed.

Together, we affirm, 'From the continent and beyond, our rallying cry is one: We progressive voices of the world, unite!' Together, we shall end imperialism!

Hands Off Venezuela!

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Signatories

Africa Collective, France

African Youth Movement for the Promotion of the African Union Gabon (MJAPUA), Gabon

All African People's Revolutionary Party, Ghana

ANJUD Association, Niger

APP/Burkindi, Burkina Faso

APP-diaspora/Benin, Benin

Association for the Development of Angolan and Foreign Young People (ADJAE), Angola

BISO PEOPLE Citizens' Movement, Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Botswana National Front, Botswana

Coalition of the Togolese Diaspora for Change and Democracy (CODITOGO), Togo

Communist Party Marxist Kenya (CPM-K), Kenya

Convention People's Party (CPP), Ghana

Cultural Committee for Democracy in Benin (CCDB), Benin

FRAPP (Front for a Popular and Pan-African Anti-Imperialist Revolution), Senegal

Friends of the Congo, United States of America

General Confederation of Workers of Côte d'Ivoire (CGT-CI), Côte d'Ivoire

Ghana Eye Report, Ghana

Harbist Movement, Djibouti

Headquarters of the Revolution, Mali

Humanists Malawi, Malawi

International Committee of Black Peoples (CIPN), France

International Decolonization Front, France

International Front for Decolonization (FID), France

International Movement for Reparations (MIR), France

Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), France

Mabedja Pan-Africanists, Comoros

National Coordination of Citizen Monitoring Associations, Burkina Faso

National Federation of Education (FNE), Morocco

Pan-African Convergence, Cameroon

Pan-African League – Umoja, France

Pan-African Unitary Dynamic (DUP), France

Pan-African Progressive Front

Pan-African Youth of the Central African Republic, Central African Republic

Party of Progress and Socialism (PPS), Morocco

People's National Convention, Ghana

Planet of Young Pan-Africanists of Burkina Faso (PJP-BF), Burkina Faso

Plate MdaïJasho – Agro Hip Hop Movement, Tanzania

Popular Union for the Liberation of Guadeloupe (UPLG), Guadeloupe (France)

Process of Black Communities (PCN), Colombia

Progressive Movement of African Peoples (MPA), Guinea

Socialist Movement of Ghana

Socialist Party of Zambia, Zambia

State55 Afrika, Cameroon

The Maroon Circle, France

The Pan-Africans Movement, Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Tunisia Forward Movement -Tunisia

United Actions for Democracy (UAD), Nigeria

United Textile Employees Union (UNITE), Lesotho

Union of Populations of Cameroon – National Manifesto for the Establishment of Democracy (UPC-MANIDEM), Cameroon

We Can Movement, Mauritania