

Venezuela Protests against Ecuador for Interventionist Positions

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Caracas, Jul 6 (Prensa Latina) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela today delivered a protest note to the business manager of Ecuador, Elizabeth Mendez, for interventionist expressions by that country's government.

According to a press release published by the Foreign Ministry, the Deputy Foreign Minister for Latin America, Alexander Yanez, held a meeting with Mendez to express Venezuela's position on the ideas expressed in the letter delivered to his government on July 4.

The Deputy Minister highlighted Venezuela's respect for the people and institutions of Ecuador, and noted that the protest note states that President Lenin Moreno offered statements and interviews with the U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, some of which refer Venezuela's internal affairs.

'It is important to note that the representative of the U.S. government has threatened Venezuela with a military operation and has imposed unilateral coercive measures against the Venezuelan economy and people,' said the source.

The protest note also stressed that the Bolivarian Government has never

questioned the legality and legitimacy of the last Ecuador's electoral process, and therefore it urged that country's authorities to respect the will of the Venezuelan people, who constitutionally re-elected the President Nicolas Maduro.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yanez said that former Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa is considered a friend of Venezuela, where he is admired and respected for his ethical, political and humanistic qualities.

In this regard, for the Venezuelan Government it is a duty to express sincere solidarity with Correa and his family, given the circumstances and the manner in which unsuspected and undeserved acts against his person and political environment have been developed, he pointed out.

The Deputy Minister assured that the Executive of Venezuela is aware of the importance of the bilateral relations between the South American peoples, so he ratified the will to develop deep relations of high strategic interest for the Latin American integration.

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