
Group without Lima: Peru Seeks Dignity

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An entity created by the Empire to try to overthrow the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela, just received another blow a few hours ago, when Peru, through the government of Pedro Castillo, decided to leave the Lima Group, rejecting outright any interference in the domestic affairs of other countries, a path undertaken a few months ago by the Argentina of Alberto Fernández.

The Group created in 2017 to gather around the interests of the U.S. regime the countries that share its geopolitical vision for Latin America

Let's remember that, at a recent meeting of the Group, the leaders of Colombia and Brazil sponsored a plan concocted by the United States to violently disrupt the government of Caracas, contradicting the postulates of the entity, clearly hypocritical, that it pursued a peaceful and democratic transition in Venezuela.

Peru's former Foreign Minister, Néstor Populazo Bardales, had received direct orders from the U.S. on "the need to increase pressure on Maduro's regime to restore the democracy and prosperity to the Venezuelan people," not to mention the political and institutional crisis that devastated the Peruvian nation.

I highlight: the Group is the perfect excuse to gather around the interests of the United States the countries that share the geopolitical vision that the United States has in storage for Latin America and the Caribbean. Firstly they need to isolate and later overthrow the Venezuelan government, in order to achieve a homogeneous order where no country escapes the scope of its influence.

In a context of expansion of the Chinese and Russian presence in the region, the U.S. seems to be willing to strengthen some alliances, showing a very different attitude from the "isolationist" discourse they outline in other contexts. The trade war with China expresses one of the challenges posed by the Southern Command and the National Defense Strategy, in which China is identified as a predator.

The main military partner of the countries of the region is the United States in a context of increased military

expenses, with the purchases of Colombia, Brazil, and Ecuador standing out.

Anyway, except for Mexico, these countries which are submissively following the U.S. intervention script on Caracas, also targeting Cuba and Nicaragua, use rhetoric and anti-Venezuelan actions to decompress the internal crisis they have in their domestic realities, with economic and energy difficulties, enlisting a plan to loot Venezuela, with which they intend to resolve their demands for gas, oil, gold, and the placement of manufactured and industrial goods.

Therefore the important decision of Pedro Castillo's government to leave the Group without Lima

Héctor Béjar, the new Peruvian Foreign Minister, announced that Peru would leave the Lima Group and adopt a non-interference stance on foreign policy.

In the future, Peruvian diplomacy will be based on an "agenda of freedom, globalism, humanism, and justice." This must happen "without ideological distinctions", especially with neighboring states and the most important commercial and economic partners, the minister announced.

The Lima Group loses yet another member. Peru joins nations like Argentina, Bolivia, and Mexico that condemn blockades, embargoes, and unilateral sanctions and prefers to adhere to International Law and the Charter of the United Nations.

Béjar also reaffirms the importance of regional integration in Latin America. Above all, he declared the "Andean community should be strengthened and improved its spatial, economic, commercial, social, cultural, and physical dimensions of integration."

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