

**Special Declarations 24: of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States on unilateral actions against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) reiterates its rejection of the application of unilateral coercive measures against International Law.

CELAC expresses its concern related to the adoption of a Law by the government of the United States of America that applies unilateral sanctions against governmental employees of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

CELAC reiterates the principles contained in the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, agreed at its II Summit, held in Havana on 28 and 29 January 2014, which urges all States members of the international community to fully respect the Proclamation in its relations with States members of CELAC, including to commit not to intervene, directly or indirectly, in the internal affairs of any other State and observe the principles of national sovereignty, equal rights and self-determination of peoples.

The CELAC welcomes and encourages the promotion of dialogue and cooperation among States as a means to foster the political, economic, and social development of its members. It, therefore, urges States to refrain from any actions, which hinder such dialogue.

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