



SPECIAL COMMISSION OF GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA GENERATES ACTONS OF SPYING AND PERSECUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) warns about installing a Special Committee of the National Assembly of Venezuela composed of deputies of the ruling PSUV (United Socialist Party of Venezuela) and the like, that in coordination with Intelligence and Venezuelan Security, conducts espionage of Civil Society Organizations of human rights.

The Commission, supported by the government of President Nicolas Maduro, intended receiving reports from international organizations and venezuelan Civil Society Organizations receiving external funding, particularly from the United States. The government MPs argued that the initiative aims to support the expulsion of U.S. diplomats made by Nicolas Maduro.

Certainly, the persecution of human rights activists continues in Venezuela . A few years ago, the late President Hugo Chavez made a controversial International Cooperation Law which weakened the external financing of citizen organizations dedicated to the promotion of Human Rights . Similarly , ongoing government attacks , persecution of activists, interference of the executive over the judiciary and police violence against activists, still present in the country.



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The Permanent Secretariat of Redlad, platform of more than 520 organizations promoting democracy and respect for human rights, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Urges the democratic governments of the world to condemn the systematic persecution of civil society and human rights violations in Venezuela .
- It calls on the Venezuelan Civil Society to manifest against the violation of their rights and freedoms.
- Rejects the espionage and threats of members of the Venezuelan ruling party against activists and human rights defenders.

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