

Meeting of the Council of the Socialist International
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DECLARATION ON VENEZUELA

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The Council of the Socialist International, meeting at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, on 11-12 July 2017, has been the occasion to express once again the concern of the organisation at the worsening of the humanitarian crisis and the weakening of democracy in Venezuela.

The Socialist International, at its different meetings, has received information and denunciations duly supported from its member parties in Venezuela. The organisation has committed its solidarity and good offices to the search of fair, peaceful solutions in compliance with the Venezuelan constitutional order.

The International reiterates the need to promote in Venezuela political changes that guarantee the freedoms, the impartiality of Justice and the autonomy and separation of public powers, all necessary for the normal functioning of democracy. It insists on the need for the opening of a humanitarian channel, the release of all political prisoners, and the full recognition of the National Assembly and the timetable for elections. At the same time, it considers necessary that the government withdraw the proposal of a Constituent because that departs from the constitutional and democratic principles.

The Council of the Socialist International reaffirms its commitment to continue supporting all the democratic forces in Venezuela.
