**ALBA-TCP SUPPORTS VENEZUELA'S DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE VENEZUELAN CREW MEMBERS ABOARD THE BOEING 747**

The Member States of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) support the demand of the people and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the release of the Venezuelan crew illegally and illegitimately seized by the judicial authorities of the Republic of Argentina as well as the Boeing 747 aircraft, owned by *Empresa de Transporte Aerocargo del Sur* (Emtrasur in Spanish) – a subsidiary of the Venezuelan airline Conviasa – which had been taking part in different humanitarian aid tasks in the region in response to natural disasters.

This illegal seizure violates the basic human rights of the crew, such as freedom of movement and respect for human dignity, and is part of a new attempt to violate the United Nations Charter and international law based on the illegal unilateral coercive measures imposed against Venezuela.

The unwavering commitment to the principles of CELAC's "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace" shall be reaffirmed in the face of any action that may attempt to harm the spirit of cooperation and friendship among the peoples of sister nations.

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