

ALBA-TCP DEMANDS RESPECT FOR JORGE GLAS' ASYLUM STATUS

The member States of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) demand respect for the asylum status that the Mexican State has decided to grant to the former Vice President of Ecuador, Jorge Glas, who was kidnapped by Ecuadorian security forces during the raid on the Mexican Embassy in Quito, last April 5.

This action – previously condemned by ALBA-TCP and rejected by all the Latin American and Caribbean countries – is unjustifiable.

ALBA-TCP shows its full support to Mexico in relation to the request for provisional measures filed before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) requesting, among others, that Ecuador refrain from actions that may prejudice Mexico's rights in any future decision that the ICJ may take on the case in question, and to avoid any act or conduct that may exacerbate the ongoing dispute. The kidnapping of former Vice President Glas, as well as the subsequent treatment meted out to him; violate the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and other rules of international law.

The ALBA-TCP member countries strongly reject the crude use of lawfare and, in accordance with the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, the Charter of the United Nations and International Law, applaud the international legal actions taken to guarantee the life and integrity of former Vice President Jorge Glas, as well as for the Ecuadorian State to retract these actions that threaten the peace and stability of the region and issue the safe-conduct that legally applies to former Vice President Glas.

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