

## ALBA-TCP EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Member States of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) express their deep concern about the escalation of violence taking place in the Middle East.

The ALBA-TCP condemns, once again, the genocide perpetrated by Israel in the Gaza Strip, which has added to the endless suffering of the Palestinian people and has threatened peace in the region. Israel's impunity and the lack of action by the Security Council, which remained silent after the illegal attack on the Iranian Consulate in Damascus, have posed a serious risk of regionalization of the conflict with unpredictable consequences.

In this sense, the Alliance calls the UN Security Council to work arduously towards an immediate and permanent ceasefire, ensuring the provision of necessary humanitarian aid and fostering conditions conducive to a stable and lasting peace. It is imperative that there be no further escalation that can lead to more suffering and instability.

The ALBA-TCP member countries call on the international community to make peace prevail and support all necessary and timely efforts so that the parties involved in the conflict cease hostilities and resolve their differences based on the respect and observance of International Law, the provisions of the United Nations Charter and its resolutions.

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