



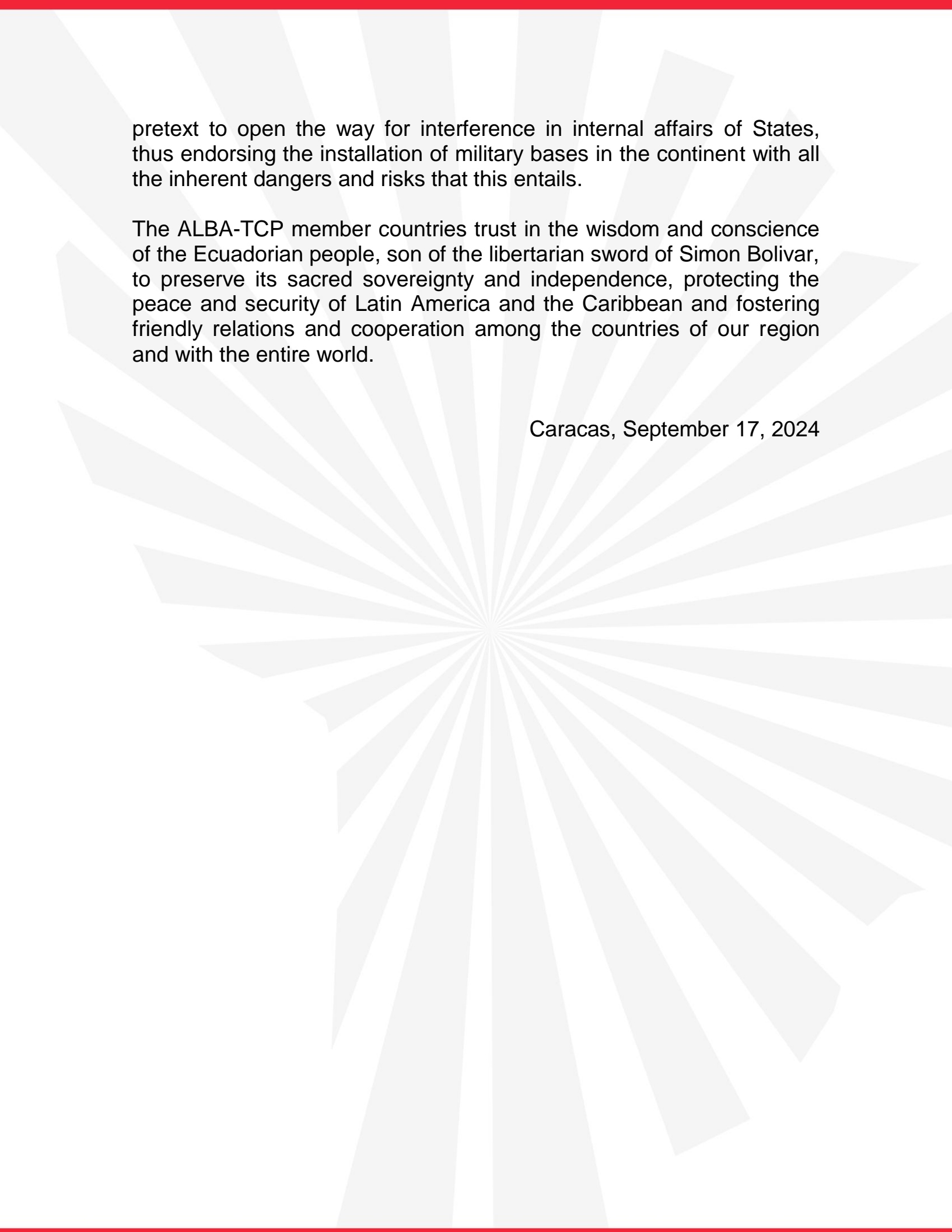
ALBA-TCP EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN ECUADOR

The Member States of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) express serious concern over the recent announcement regarding the possibility of taking steps in the Republic of Ecuador to allow the establishment of “foreign military bases and facilities for military purposes”.

Allowing foreign military bases in the territories of the countries of Our America represents a threat to the peace and stability of the entire region, undermining the agreements of peaceful coexistence between States.

The U.S. military bases in the world and, especially in Our America, serve as powerful and perverse tools to promote foreign interference, facilitating the plundering of natural resources, the control of governments and the management of illegal markets in the countries where they are located. Latin America and the Caribbean have been proclaimed a Zone of Peace and the countries of the Alliance strongly support that commitment.

The Bolivarian Alliance has repeatedly denounced the alleged use of the fight against drug trafficking and transnational organized crime as a



pretext to open the way for interference in internal affairs of States, thus endorsing the installation of military bases in the continent with all the inherent dangers and risks that this entails.

The ALBA-TCP member countries trust in the wisdom and conscience of the Ecuadorian people, son of the libertarian sword of Simon Bolivar, to preserve its sacred sovereignty and independence, protecting the peace and security of Latin America and the Caribbean and fostering friendly relations and cooperation among the countries of our region and with the entire world.

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