

SPECIAL DECLARATION FOR THE DIGNITY OF MIGRANTS

The Heads of State and Government of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) meeting in virtual format on February 3, 2025:

- We express our strongest respect for the dignity of migrants, regardless of nationality, culture, race or gender, and demand that their fundamental rights be guaranteed and that deportation protocols be followed in a safe, orderly and respectful manner, in accordance with bilateral or multilateral agreements.
- 2. We reject the criminalization of migration and demand the lifting of the obstacles to the free flow of migrants' remittances to their countries of origin, which constitutes a serious violation of the human and economic rights of families affected by migration.
- 3. We condemn criminal organizations that promote and profit from migration, and violate human rights, taking advantage of the vulnerability of migrants, and subjecting them to risk, exploitation and abuse.
- 4. We commit ourselves to encourage coordination between the competent bodies of the ALBA-TCP member states and other states of Our America to dismantle and hinder the operations of the criminal human trafficking organizations known as *Coyotes* and we demand that

the government of the United States confront these organizations in its territory.

- 5. We demand the lifting of unilateral and extortive coercive measures, which seriously impact the functioning of the economies, and limit the opportunities and guarantees of employment and productive work, the development of solid social security systems and the development of our own productive capacities.
- 6. We express our firm support and absolute solidarity with Cuba in the confrontation of that sister Latin American and Caribbean nation to the new actions of hostility and economic coercion imposed by the government of the United States. Likewise, we warn of the danger posed to the peace and security of Cuba and the region by the installation of a migrant detention center at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay. We reject the use for these purposes of this military base, which occupies a portion of the Cuban territory and has a long history of flagrant human rights abuses.
- 7. We express our firmest repudiation of the expressions of hatred, racism, classism and fascism that seek to plague Latin America and the Caribbean, with the sole purpose of dividing us and creating destabilization among our peoples.
- 8. We reaffirm the validity of and our commitment to the "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace", convinced, today more than ever, to raise our voices in defense of the rights of the sovereign peoples of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, through dialogue, respect and under the norms of International Law.

Caracas, February 3, 2025