

DECLARATION
26TH ALBA-TCP POLITICAL COUNCIL

*Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 08:00 a.m.
New York City, United States of America*

***“Reaffirming the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a
Zone of Peace”***

Reaffirming the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, we, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Grenada, gathered at the 26th Political Council in New York City, within the framework of the 80th Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly:

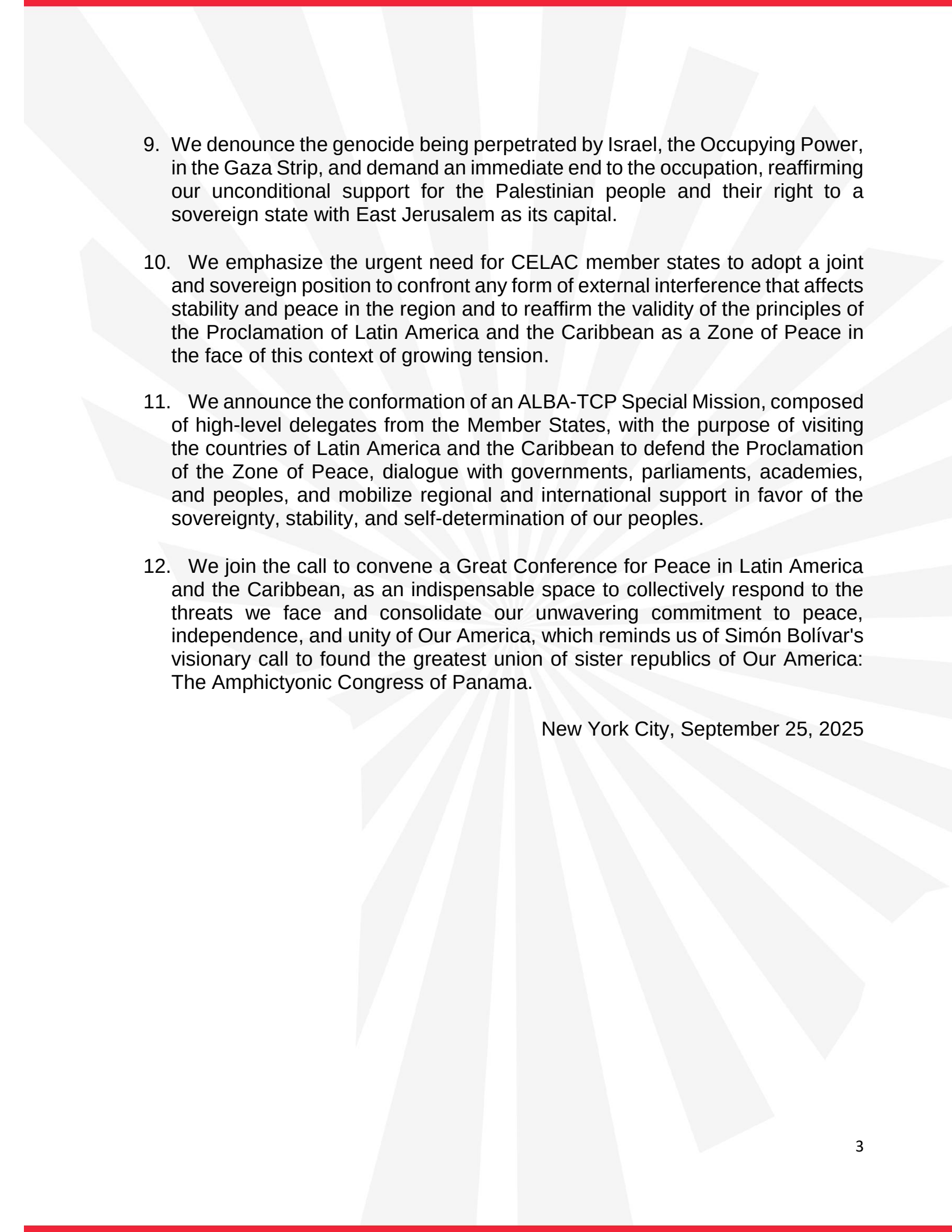
Inspired by the resistance of our indigenous peoples in the face of colonization; by the emancipatory and anti-imperialist feats of Simón Bolívar, José Martí, and Augusto C. Sandino; and the living legacy of commanders Hugo Chávez and Fidel Castro Ruz, who, one year before his centennial, continues to be a beacon of dignity and rebellion, we reiterate our commitment to defending the sovereignty, independence, and peace of Our America.

In the face of the imperial military deployment, threatening peace, security, and stability in Latin America and the Caribbean:

1. We categorically reject the unjustified and extraordinary military deployment of the United States in the Caribbean, introducing destroyers, missile cruisers, and nuclear submarines, constituting a flagrant violation of the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, approved at the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States in 2014, the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the commitment of denuclearization of Latin America and the Caribbean established in this Treaty.
2. We condemn the military offensive by the United States government in the Caribbean, which, through a U.S. Navy destroyer identified as USS “Jason Dunham” (DDG-109) and with a crew of eighteen military personnel, has illegally intercepted the fishing vessel Carmen Rosa in Venezuela's Exclusive Economic Zone. The nine fishermen on board were detained for eight hours, which constitutes the violation of regulations governing fishing activities, and

the rights associated with the management of maritime spaces food security, Caribbean sovereignty, and human rights.

3. We condemn the extrajudicial killings confessed to by the United States government itself, perpetrated in the Caribbean Sea. These actions constitute a flagrant violation of fundamental human rights and seek to transform a region of peace into an area of confrontation and militarization. We reaffirm that the Caribbean Sea must be preserved as a zone of cooperation, development, and peaceful coexistence among peoples, rejecting any attempt to impose war logic or domination.
4. We reject the report issued by the U.S. Department of State that classifies Venezuela as a drug-producing and transit country. This document differs from the reports by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2019-2025) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (2024-2025), which consider Venezuela to be a country of no significance in this regard. This fact highlights the construction of a false and cynical narrative that seeks regime change of a government democratically elected by the Venezuelan people.
5. We express our firm support for President Nicolás Maduro Moros in the face of the unfounded accusations unleashed against him, lacking legal basis, generating media harassment, and threatening to delegitimize his democratically elected government.
6. We denounce the tariff policies imposed as a form of trade war, which seriously affect the economy and well-being of our peoples. These actions violate international law and restrict and undermine fair and equitable trade.
7. We demand the immediate and unconditional cessation by the United States government of all illegal unilateral coercive measures against the peoples of Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela, which seek to impede their development and stability, constituting a serious violation of international law and the right of peoples to their development.
8. We demand the lifting of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed against Cuba and its immediate exclusion from the unilateral and arbitrary list of alleged State sponsors of terrorism, which intensifies the economic blockade against its people and lacks any legal or moral basis.

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9. We denounce the genocide being perpetrated by Israel, the Occupying Power, in the Gaza Strip, and demand an immediate end to the occupation, reaffirming our unconditional support for the Palestinian people and their right to a sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital.
 10. We emphasize the urgent need for CELAC member states to adopt a joint and sovereign position to confront any form of external interference that affects stability and peace in the region and to reaffirm the validity of the principles of the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace in the face of this context of growing tension.
 11. We announce the conformation of an ALBA-TCP Special Mission, composed of high-level delegates from the Member States, with the purpose of visiting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to defend the Proclamation of the Zone of Peace, dialogue with governments, parliaments, academies, and peoples, and mobilize regional and international support in favor of the sovereignty, stability, and self-determination of our peoples.
 12. We join the call to convene a Great Conference for Peace in Latin America and the Caribbean, as an indispensable space to collectively respond to the threats we face and consolidate our unwavering commitment to peace, independence, and unity of Our America, which reminds us of Simón Bolívar's visionary call to found the greatest union of sister republics of Our America: The Amphictyonic Congress of Panama.

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