

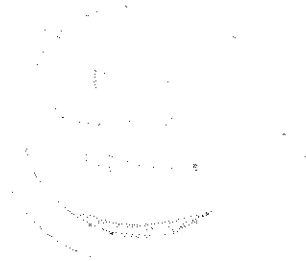
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Venezuela

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**His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping**  
**President of the People's Republic of China**  
**Beijing.**

**His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Putin**  
**President of the Russian Federation**  
**The Kremlin**  
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Please receive my respectful greeting from Venezuela. I write to you in the spirit of our common commitment to peace, cooperation and free trade between nations. These are principles of the global order that allow for fruitful dialogue among diverse peoples, and that drive our mutual aspirations of achieving sustainable development resulting in prosperity for all. In order for Venezuela to overcome this global challenge, the restoration of the rule of law and respect for Human Rights are essential.

Your governments have been aware of what is happening in Venezuela. You understand very well our country's situation, which threatens regional stability. This is why I want to acknowledge your concern for Venezuela, which was recently expressed through two economic advisory teams which visited our country at the request of your governments. I am sure that these teams verified the impossibility of advancing in our goal of stability and prosperity in the midst of the chaos resulting from the current regime's mismanagement. The magnitude of the present economic deterioration is such that no advisory team could achieve effective improvement for the benefit of all. Similarly, a game of total confrontation could be to the detriment of the interests of all, and perhaps particularly, to the interests of your nations. This is the main reason why your contribution to Venezuela's stability is fundamental.

The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, as permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, can make an extraordinary contribution to generating the regime change that Venezuela needs, in order to return to the basic principles that foment stability and progress, such as the rule of law, respect for Human Rights, the promotion of sustainable development, and the peaceful exchange among nations. Failure to pursue this would be a mistake, the consequences of which would result in further deaths and global insecurity.

Venezuelans need effective protection from the generalized and systematic violation of Human Rights that the current regime perpetrates, and security from the deprivation of basic goods. The people of Venezuela cannot tolerate this situation indefinitely. China and Russia must stand by the people, who need their leaders to steward a path to safety and prosperity.

I am convinced that a free and prosperous Venezuela, based on the aforementioned principles, will provide great opportunities for our country's cooperation with the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and the rest of the global community. I am personally willing and available to meet and talk about the urgent change required by Venezuelans.

Please receive my cordial greetings from Venezuela, as I have been barred from traveling outside my country for the last four years thanks to an arbitrary and illegal measure pursued by this regime.

Most respectfully,

**María Corina Machado**