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President to the United States

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Request for the freedom of Diplomat Alex Saab

More than two years ago, on June 12th, 2020, the Special Envoy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the African Union, Alex Saab, was illegally detained in the Republic of Cape Verde.

A lot has been complained to the Government of Cape Verde, following the directives of the imperial power that you head, about the illegality of the arrest of Alex Saab: it grossly violated the Vienna Convention of 1961 which guarantees diplomatic immunity for all members of all diplomatic missions of all countries in the world. In addition, they used a Red Alert issued incorrectly and cancelled on June 25th, 2020 by the issuing entity, INTERPOL.

You are well aware that from then on Cape Verde ignored all resolutions, recommendations and opinions of several regional and international bodies: the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), four rapporteurs and a Working Group of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, among others.

None of this mattered because the decision was taken from the first day of imprisonment and it was not done in Cape Verde but in Washington, DC, without taking into consideration international human rights law, the Vienna Convention of Diplomatic Relations nor the United Nations. Venezuelan Diplomat Alex Saab is detained (and now imprisoned) in the U.S. in conditions that constitutes torture, for



no legal reason but as part of the fourth generation war mandated by the most voracious economic groups has been executed against the people of Venezuela since the unforgettable Hugo Chavez won the elections for the first time in December 1998.

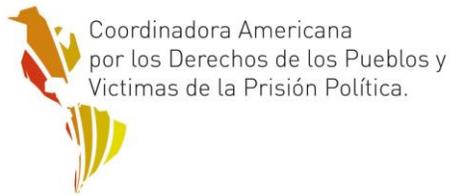
From the very first day until today, without interruption, an endless number of attacks, defamatory campaigns, embargoes, robberies, sabotage, street violence, coup d'état attempts, demolition of the national currency through speculative maneuvers and much more have been deployed against the Venezuelan people and its Bolivarian government.

Few people like you are in a position to know this, given the continuity your government gave to Donald Trump's brutal offensive, confessed by the thug John Bolton in an indisputable way.

We, the undersigned, affirm that Alex Saab is a political prisoner of the Empire; he is being punished for his extraordinary contribution to the legitimate struggle of the Venezuelan people and government to break the blockade thus there is no lack of food, fuel, medicines and the most basic supplies to face the COVID-19 pandemic and the infamous economic blockade.

Saab's case fits without a doubt into the molds of the political war with judicial instruments that the U.S. and the servile governments have unleashed in the last few years as the main way of exercising domination over our peoples. Lula was not imprisoned for being a thief but to prevent him from winning the elections in Brazil. Now even the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil accepts that Judge Sergio Moro acted against the law, the same as the former Vice President of Ecuador, Jorge Glass or the Vice President of Argentina, Amado Boudou or the social leader Milagro Sala, who has been in prison for six long years in the hands of a Judiciary totally aligned with the right-wing governor Gerardo Morales.

Alex Saab is imprisoned for being part of the popular movement that seeks liberation, dignity and a good life for our peoples. His imprisonment is not only a serious violation of the most elementary legal order, but also a recognition of his



ethics and coherence. Our recognition and gratitude goes to him for his firmness and coherence.

Contextualizing is always our task since the Empire always wants to show a snapshot and not the historical process. But the facts are stubborn, in the midst of the pandemic Venezuela suffered the aggravation of the criminal blockade and exercised, exercises and will exercise the right to the legitimate defense of national sovereignty and self-determination of the peoples.

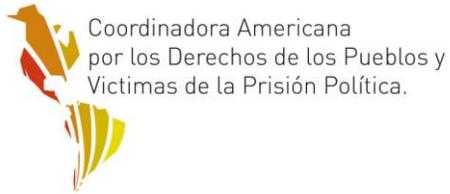
In the event of a contradiction of rights, the rights of the peoples always have preeminence and not only due for what is written in international agreements but because of a *Ius Cogen*, which indicates the duty of the peoples to defend their sovereignty, as the only way to constitute and defend their national identity.

Alex Saab did not commit any crime but on the contrary, he exercised the noblest of human conduct, to give himself for the most, for those who have nothing more than the Homeland and their own self-organization.

For all of the above **we demand the immediate release of Alex Saab.**

Institutional signatures:

- *American Association of Jurists/ continental organization with national branches and headquarters in Washington, DC.*
- *American Coordinating Committee for the Rights of Peoples and Victims of Political Imprisonment.*
- *Alliance for Global Justice, United States.*
- *Group of Political Executed Families, Chile*
- *Foundation of Bonds of Dignity, Colombia.*
- *Latin American Foundation for Human Rights and Social Development (Fundalatin) Venezuela.*
- *Argentine League for Human Rights*
- *Mexican League for Human Rights*
- *Observatory for the closing of the school of the Americas*
- *Simon Bolivar Institute of Venezuela*



- *International Campaign, Where is Lichita?, Paraguay*
- *Research and Documentation Center Share Hope, Perú.*
- *Bolivian League for Human Rights*
- *Movement Free Alex Saab*
- *Association of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees and Victims of Human Rights Violations in Mexico.*
- *Guaiqueri Force of Venezuela*
- *Candanga Forum*
- *Communal Council October 12*
- *PDVSA Retirees*
- *Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council*
- *Eastern University, Cuba*
- *Current Peronista Descamisados, Argentina*
- *Association of Educators of Latin America and the Caribbean.*
- *Priest options for the poor's, Argentina.*