



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Communiqué

The People's Power Ministry for Foreign Relations of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the inaccuracies and false accusations contained in the communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on March 3rd, 2021, with which they seek to manipulate reality to feed a negative matrix against Venezuela in relation to the territorial dispute over the Guyana Esequiba.

Once again, in an absurd manner, the Government of Guyana intends to generate false versions about the regular patrolling operations of the borders of Venezuela, carried out by the Bolivarian National Armed Forces, strictly limited to the non-controversial Venezuelan territory, with the purpose of pretending an alleged "aggression act" against sisterly Guyana.

It is disconcerting that, in an effort to promote this repeated defamatory and victimization campaign before the international community, an unfounded accusation is issued, based on videos published on social networks, without providing the precise and geo-referenced location of the area in question.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela also reminded the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation that, since there is a dispute over Guyana Esequiba, none of the Parties can refer to this territory as its own, under its sovereignty and jurisdiction, as provided by Article 5 of the 1966 Geneva Agreement.

Therefore, the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela remains faithful to its position in favor of resuming the spirit and mechanisms to seek a practical, peaceful and mutually satisfactory settlement to the territorial dispute over Guyana Esequiba, and condemns the attitude of the Cooperative Republic of Guayana as a false victim.

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