



**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of
Venezuela to the OPCW,
H.E. Dr. Hector Constant Rosales
in response to the interventionist statement of the United States of
America, during the 106th session of the Executive Council,
issued on July 10, 2024**

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the insolent and impertinent statement made by the United States of America in the framework of this 106th session, while condemning its continued interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State, with which it seeks to question the legitimacy of the Venezuelan Government presided by His Excellency Nicolás Maduro Moros.

With its statement, the United States of America demonstrates, once again, its disrespect for the principles of international law, pretending to use multilateral forums for obscure propaganda purposes through a painful erratic and isolated behavior that undermines the objectives of the Organization by qualifying the Venezuelan situation from its point of view as a decadent empire.

If the United States were truly concerned about the suffering of the Venezuelan people, it should immediately and unconditionally lift the more than 900 illegal unilateral coercive measures, of an extraterritorial nature, that it continues to apply against Venezuela in total disregard of the human rights of the Venezuelan people. But, as always, the United States prefers the path of shame to the path of cooperation.

Therefore, the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly urges the United States of America to cease its interfering behavior, calling upon it to respect the self-determination of the Venezuelan people, in whom sovereignty resides untransferably and who, consequently, are the only ones responsible for deciding the legitimacy of their authorities, which they will do again in the next presidential elections scheduled for July 28, 2024.

Finally, we demand that the United States, in an improbable exercise of *synderesis*, respect the technical agenda of the OPCW and concentrate more on preventing the invasions, wars and genocides that it continues to support to the detriment of Peace and the well-being of humanity.

The Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela request that this statement be considered an official document of the 106th session of the Executive Council and be published on the OPCW catalyst and public website.