

**SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE GROUP OF FRIENDS IN DEFENSE
OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations congratulates the people of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for having civically and peacefully participated in the presidential elections held on 28 July 2024, for the purpose of electing their President for the 2025-2031 term.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations commend Venezuela's National Electoral Council for having successfully organized the most recent presidential elections, in an electoral process marked by its inclusivity, transparency and credibility, in which 10 candidates from 37 political parties participated, and that was accompanied by over 900 representatives from various national, regional and international organizations, including, among others, from the United Nations, the African Union and the Carter Center.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations emphasizes that the outcome of the recently-held presidential election in Venezuela is an expression of the sovereign will of the Venezuelan people, exercised through their right to vote and freely choose, by virtue of their inalienable right to self-determination, their political, economic, social and cultural system, within the framework of their participatory and protagonist model of democracy.
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations congratulate H.E. Mr. Nicolás Maduro Moros for his re-election as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the 2025-2031 term and salute his call for swiftly initiating a National Dialogue with all sectors of the Venezuelan society, in the interest of consolidating Venezuela's peace, stability and prosperity.
5. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, in strict adherence to the provisions of Articles 1.2 and 2.7 of the UN Charter, calls for the respect of the sovereign will of the Venezuelan people, as recently expressed in the polls, and to avoid any attempt to meddle into the internal affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela or to undermine the social peace of that fellow nation of our grouping.

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