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For the sustainable use of the oceans

Venezuela ratifies its position on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Sea at UNEA-6



Venezuela has complied with its international obligations

During the plenary session held for decision-making at the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, on behalf of the Venezuelan State, presented observations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of oceanic efforts to confront climate change, the loss of marine biodiversity and pollution.

In this regard, he indicated that, "the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela joins the consensus that allowed the adoption of this important resolution, which has among its objectives to act decisively and urgently to improve the health,

productivity, sustainable use and resilience of the ocean and its ecosystems, in addition to affirming the need to improve the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources."

"The conservation of the seas and marine resources have priority attention in the policies of the Venezuelan State, which has complied with its international obligations, advocating integral development with a vision of equity and insisting that all negotiations related to this right have to reflect the criteria and principles linked to the right to sustainable development of the marine environment and

the resources of future generations," he stated.

He said that "however, our acceptance of this resolution should not and cannot be interpreted as a modification of Venezuela's traditional position with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which it is not a party for reasons that have already been repeatedly stated in different forums".

"The Venezuelan State is not bound by such norms and they are not applicable to it, except for those that we have expressly recognized or will recognize in the future by incorporating them into our national legislation, taking into

account that the reasons that have prevented the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela from becoming a party to such instruments still persist in time", he concluded.

In this sense, Venezuela adopts all the decisions to which it is committed, through the necessary respect for the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, adjusted to the fulfillment of the financial commitments by the historical culprits.

The decisions approved were: 1) On highly hazardous pesticides. 2) Rational management of chemicals and wastes. 3) Promoting regional cooperation on air pollution to improve air

quality worldwide. 4) Fighting against sand and dust storms.

It was also agreed to: 5) Strengthen international efforts to halt land degradation, restore degraded lands, and increase the resilience of ecosystems and communities to drought. 6) Strengthen governance of the oceans and seas to address climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution.

Also, 7) Effective and inclusive solutions to strengthen water policies to achieve

sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. 8) Promote national action to address global environmental challenges through greater cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and multilateral environmental agreements.

In addition, it was decided to 9) Enhance the role and viability of the regional forums of environment ministers and the regional offices of the UNEP

Program to achieve multilateral cooperation to address environmental challenges. 10) Draft resolution on the promotion of synergies, cooperation or collaboration for the national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments.

In addition, 11) Intensify efforts to accelerate the transition at the national, regional and global levels towards circular economies. 12) Environmental aspects of minerals and metals, 13)

Environmental assistance and remediation in areas affected by armed conflict. 14) Promotion of sustainable lifestyles. 15) Circularity of a resilient and low-carbon sugarcane agro-industry.

Concurrently, 16) Amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility. 17) Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. (18) Management of trust funds and earmarked contributions.



International cooperation on air pollution to be promoted

UNEA-6

Venezuela: Natural wealth is our greatest patrimony and commitment

During his speech at the plenary session of the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, on behalf of the Venezuelan State, indicated that "we know that our natural wealth is our greatest heritage, but it is also our greatest commitment".

The words were pronounced by the head of Ecosocialism in Nairobi, Kenya, where the UNEA-6 Cities and Regions Summit, an event associated to UNEA-6, was held to discuss how multilateralism can contribute to tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, the loss of nature and biodiversity, and pollution and waste.

In this regard, Lorca added that "we are committed to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals and the multilateral agreements to which we are signatories, even when we are victims of unjust and criminal unilateral coercive measures imposed by developed countries".

He expressed that the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros, sent his greetings to the delegations, and at the same time expressed his gratitude for the hospitality of the people and government of Kenya.

Lorca recalled that the theme of the meeting was "effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to address the environmental crisis we are experiencing."



47% of Venezuelan territory is under a Special Administration Regime

He reflected on the slogan: "How is it possible that in 2024 these actions are still not strong enough, inequalities are deepening every day, developing countries do not have the necessary means of implementation to ensure the present and future of our peoples, and have not fulfilled the commitment of funding by those historically responsible for this catastrophe, yet they continue to promote the capitalist model predator of nature?"

"From Venezuela, we are committed to the protection and conservation of life on the planet, we promote Ecosocialism as an alternative concept and model that seeks to harmonize economic and social development with respect for nature," he said.

He commented that, "as a megadiverse country, we protect 47% of the national territory, including Caura National Park, the largest tropical rainforest park in the world, with 7.5 million hectares within the Amazon biome and in the last 10 years we have planted more than 60 million trees".

"Eighty percent of our energy matrix is renewable. We have more than 50,000 young people included as brigadistas against the climate crisis and we have more than 10,000 park rangers and forest firefighters to protect our protected areas," he said.

He added that "we have continued working tirelessly and we are aware that our efforts are not enough if we do not have the political will".

"We must continue working together, demanding respect and compliance with common but differentiated responsibilities on the part of the countries that have the greatest historical responsibility," he said.

He exclaimed that, "that is why from this tribune we want to call for solidarity, dialogue and joint action."

"We cannot continue to postpone the urgent and necessary decisions required to confront the environmental crisis we are experiencing. Time is running out and the planet is calling on us. We have a unique opportunity and we must act now", he concluded.

Environmental multilateralism

Minister Lorca expanded bilateral relations with environmental authorities of Cuba, Congo and Nicaragua

In the context of the Sixth United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), held in Nairobi, Kenya, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, talked with authorities from the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Congo.

During his talk with the First Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba, José Fidel Santana Núñez, the Minister of Ecosocialism agreed with his Antillean counterpart in agreeing on the construction of an alliance of multilateral points in which the disposition of

both nations is manifested based on respect and cooperation.

In addition, they considered a work route for the responsible achievement of the goals as part of the national and international environmental objectives, in order to promote and strengthen an optimal environmental management in defense of life.

Meanwhile, in conversations with the Minister of State for Forestry Economy of the Republic of Congo, Rosalie Matondo, Minister Lorca highlighted the

union of both nations through the exchange of knowledge and techniques to promote among brotherly peoples a correct management of natural resources, the development of environmental measures for the mitigation of the climate crisis, with the projection of a green and sustainable future, which consolidates the welfare of all.

He also spoke with Nicaragua's Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Heyddy Calderón Palma.

The purpose of the meeting was to

strengthen cooperation in environmental matters between the two American nations and at the same time to outline a work plan for concrete actions and the exchange of experiences, among other aspects.



International relations are strengthened

Progress in environmental policies

Venezuelan delegation participated in talks with social and environmental movements in Kenya

A Venezuelan delegation, led by the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, and the Venezuelan Ambassador to Kenya, Jesús Manzanilla, participated in a discussion entitled "Advances in Environmental Policies in Venezuela", with representatives of social and environmental movements of the African nation.

In the talk, the attendees learned about the actions of the Bolivarian Government against the unilateral coercive measures imposed by the United States, in addition to exposing the various experiences of the social programs, Missions and Great Missions, which are now oriented by the

Seven Transformations (7T) towards 2030.

In that sense, Minister Lorca commented that "it is impressive to see the clarity of the peoples of the world with respect

to the aggressive, brutal and disproportionate sanctions, imposed by the most developed countries on those that are developing, which does not kneel before anyone."

"Thank you for the energy and for your words. We Venezuelans will continue to tell the truth about Venezuela in every corner," he said.



The 7Ts that Venezuela will apply by 2030 were announced

Typical specimen planted

Minister Lorca visits Ngong Primary School in Kenya

In the context of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), held in the city of Nairobi, Kenya, since February 26, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, visited the Ngong Primary School in the county of Kaijado.

The Minister of Ecosocialism was accompanied by the head of the County, Ella Wahoo Karah, and the

Venezuelan Ambassador to the African nation, Jesús Manzanilla, to, among other actions, appreciate a mural made in 2003 by Kenyan and Venezuelan artists, on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Kenya and Venezuela.

Minister Lorca also shared with the teachers and students of the school, in addition to

participating in the planting of a *Warburgia Ugandensis*, a tree with relevant properties that unfortunately is on the red list of threatened species of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Likewise, the Minister commented to those present the Venezuelan experiences of the various programs, missions, the Brigades against Climate Change, while

transmitting a message of solidarity, cooperation and Ecosocialism as a way of life.

UNEA-6, as the world's highest environmental body, brought together representatives of 193 member states to discuss how multilateralism can contribute to tackling the triple planetary crisis of climate change, the loss of nature and biodiversity, and pollution and waste.



Permanent update

Second training of Immediate Response Park Ranger Brigades concludes

The second training process for the Immediate Response Brigades of the National Parks Institute's (Inparques) Civilian Park Ranger Corps was completed.

The event took place in Macarao National Park, La Culebra sector, Cañaote Area, during which Inparques and Minec authorities handed out certificates of approval to the trainees, in addition to presenting an administrative order

of the Guardians of Nature, for the approval of rules, promotion and restructuring of hierarchies in the Civil Corps of Park Rangers, the Inparques textile project and the presentation of the Cañaote Area in the park.

Authorities from the Minec, the Civil Ranger Corps, Pablo Lira and Inparques' Forest Firefighters participated in the activity, among other personalities.

Amazon

Ayacucho Port landfill to become a forest and ecological park

The Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, announced that the landfill of Puerto Ayacucho in the municipality of Atures will become a forest and an ecological park.

"We were approximately three months ago at the Atures sanitary landfill. It is a model landfill at national level, since it complies with the necessary environmental conditions and requirements. We are working to turn it into a forest and to build an ecological park, which will have the attraction of a space for paintball and other sports", he said.

The head of Ecosocialism indicated that the action is part of the instructions of President Nicolás Maduro of December 27, "more ecological parks must be built in the main cities of the country".

On the subject of the Amazon, he pointed out that last year the re-launching of the Amazon Account Treaty Organization (OTCA) was made, "which has come to bring us new forms of action".

"In August, we met in Belém do Pará, at the Amazon Summit, where important agreements were reached and one of those was the relaunching of ACTO and the increase in the profile of ACTO at the level of Presidents," he recalled.

He also added that ACTO has had a significant growth over the last 40 years and as of last November, a meeting was held "and the mandate of the indigenous peoples, of the original peoples, is being fulfilled



The company continues to combat illegal mining in the territory

through the different organizations".

"Let us remember that in the Amazon there are more than 50 million inhabitants who are indigenous, besides being one of the main reservoirs of biodiversity and water of humanity. The presidents of ACTO have aimed to raise its profile, but with the indigenous community, with the indigenous peoples," he said.

Lorca reaffirmed that "President Maduro proposed several strategic lines of action, including reforestation, the importance of scientific research to study in depth how to reverse the processes that have affected our Amazon rainforest in recent years and the fight against illegal activities," he said.

He referred that a titanic effort has been made "through our Bolivarian

National Armed Forces (FANB), in the fight against illegal mining and species trafficking".

Minister Lorca reflected on the project of the new Amazonas and pointed out that it conjugates everything that has to do with the most felt and main needs of the Amazonian people and comes to concatenate the different engines of development, understanding the particularities and potentialities of the territory".

"It is a contribution to the Homeland Plan. We said it in the discussion of the closing of the 71: Amazonas looking at itself from within to tell Venezuela, this is what we propose for the sustainable development of this lung of life", he said.

He emphasized that, "if a projection is made 50 years from now with

all the environmental disaster in the world and where we are heading, without a doubt the Amazon will be the cornerstone of Venezuela's development due to its ecological characteristics and those of a people who have been resisting for more than 500 years and who have never been able to be defeated".

"The President has made a call to unity, to work, to continue moving forward together, despite the blockade and sanctions. The people have resisted and been reborn. Every day conditions are improving. The people of Amanozas know the reality of what is happening in their territory, but they also know what is happening in Venezuela and the world. President Maduro has always called for peace and the strength of the people", he concluded.

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We arrived in Venezuela after the extraordinary VIII Summit of CELAC, spearhead for the integration, peace and development of Latin America and the Caribbean. We will continue to defend the peace and prosperity of our people!



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2024 leap year, a lucky year for the Bolivarian Revolution and the people, so let's get ready for Venezuela's greatest victory. Leap years bring us luck! I say it with humility so that the world and the extreme right may know: we are just warming up our arms for the battles and victories we will have...



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A wonderful meeting of the Congress of the New Era, with the 7 Transformations towards 2030 touring the country. An elaboration, a design that draws the future of Venezuela... The protagonist is the people with a grassroots democracy, direct and true, generating proposals with the CDA method: Consultation, Debate and Action, always with the people, never without the people.

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