

**MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**
Dominican Republic, 9-10 May 2014

RESOLUTION ON VENEZUELA

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The Socialist International Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in the Dominican Republic 9 and 10 May 2014, in light of the serious political, social and economic crisis affecting Venezuela and concerned by the allegations of violations of human rights in recent months,

RESOLVES

- To demand the release of all students and political prisoners, the return of those exiled, and the cessation of political persecution, guaranteeing the life and integrity of all citizens.
 - To support the dialogue initiated on 10 April 2014 between the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the representatives of the opposition Mesa de Unidad Democrática (MUD), facilitated by the international community through the Apostolic Nuncio, representative of the Vatican and Dean of the diplomatic corps accredited in the country, and the foreign ministers from UNASUR, as agreed by both sides. The Committee also hopes that this dialogue will produce early results so that the political, social and economic situation of Venezuela can be normalized, bearing in mind that since 12 February the country has been subjected to great tensions, protest demonstrations and acts of violence with a deplorable number of dead, wounded and jailed and extensive damage to public and private property.
 - To support the creation of an Independent Truth Commission to investigate the events that have taken place since 12 February this year, in cooperation with the United Nations Human Rights Council.
 - To support the disarmament of armed groups, as an essential measure for peace.
 - To support the renewal, in accordance with the Constitution, of the expired public authorities, which are: the National Electoral Council, the Supreme Court of Justice and the Office of the Comptroller-General of the Republic.
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