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The Communist Party of Spain condemns Trump's recent declarations related to Venezuela:

Last May 20 of 2020, in a phone conference with Hispanic supporters in the United States, Donald Trump issued that Venezuela is living “an interesting moment”, and referring to Nicolás Maduro, Trump declared that “we have surrounded him at a level that no one knows, but they know it”. Moreover, he affirmed that “something is going to happen because we won't be able to bear it”, adding later that his Administration has been the most severe one in imposing economic and oil sanctions to this country.

These declarations come just weeks after the failed abortive invasions of Venezuela by mercenary forces apparently organized and led by U.S. former special forces troops, and amid tensions over Iran's shipment of fuel products to help revive the paralyzed oil refineries of Venezuela.

In light of these declarations and recent events, the European Union should take side and condemn both events that are exacerbating tensions between the U.S. and Venezuela. The EU cannot and should not renounce to have its own and independent foreign relations aside from the United States, aimed at restoring mutual respect among nations, and peaceful settlement of disputes. We cannot forget that unilateral economic sanctions are illegal and have proven to be ineffective, as well as directly responsible of causing socio-economic problems and raise humanitarian concerns in the long term.

For all these declarations, the Communist Party of Spain:

- Condemns this and all attempts and declarations to destabilize Venezuela and its legitimate government.
- Demands respect for the sovereignty of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and the end of the economic sanctions.
- Demands a firm condemnation of these declarations from the government of the United States of America.
- Calls upon the EU to stand against any kind of unilateral sanctions, and specifically those related to Venezuela.

