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**Pronouncement of the Solidarity Network with Latin America RESOCAL,  
regarding the Report of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human  
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**RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA**

In the report of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Michelle Bachelet expressly referred to seven Latin American countries. Brasil, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, México; making special mention to Venezuela and Nicaragua. Previously, the High Commissioner for Human Rights (HRD) had spoken out in relation to Bolivia, Chile, and Peru.

**DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, CALCULATING POLITICS OR OMISSION**

The United Nations (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights has 30 articles and paragraphs that clearly speak of the fundamental rights of man. It would be long to list them all, but it is good to point out that all these articles involve man as being born free and sovereign, with equal rights. Here we can observe a serious inconsistency. It is true that men are born free and with all rights, but not in all places on this planet earth. In many places, they are born to be subjected to inhumane and enslaving treatment, especially in societies dominated by adverse economic, social, and political power. Political elites based on a capitalist system of neoliberal cutting and passing power do not allow, by any means possible, the integral development of man. A fundamental aspect to follow the parameters imposed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

All the conquests that man has achieved to improve his way of life have succeeded in fighting the capitalist system and its elites. It should therefore be quite clear to the United Nations (UN) high commissioner, to enforce and respect the rights of man and not to be protective of a predatory system that sentences human beings, for life, to live with injustice, misery and hunger.

The latest developments show us the inclination of the ultimate human rights authority, especially with regard to what is going on in Latin America in general and Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua, in particular, countries that struggle to improve the human conditions of their inhabitants and which in one way or another are punished by embargoes, sanctions and blockades. The damage caused is incalculable, in lives and material, with unpredictable future sequels. Doesn't the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner know that all this has been going on for many years? The blockade of the U.S. and its allies in Cuba, since its inception, is criminal and so is it against Venezuela.

Human rights reports, in relation to Venezuela, do not touch the bottom of the problem, protecting the powerful seems to be a constant. Michelle Bachelet criticizes a "deep economic crisis, which has deprived the population of the means necessary to satisfy their fundamental rights in food and medical care, among others, and about the inhumane embargo and sanctions of the U.S. and its allies, little or nothing is said. It raises demands that damage Venezuelan sovereignty and even argues that there should be no parliamentary elections, which is an open meddling in the country's internal affairs. It calls for structural changes for Venezuela, but not so for countries and governments that systematically violate the human rights of individuals, such as what happened in Chile, Bolivia or Ecuador, where there has been and still exists, a maelstrom of violence, intolerance, racism and discrimination against indigenous peoples and all those who fight to defend their rights, as are human rights



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clearly expressed in the Declaration of Human Rights of Persons , as being: The right to life, to education to health, to have a fair and equitable job and remuneration and a dignified old age. If these are not people's human rights, then what are they?

We defend life, neoliberal elites drag us into a conflicting and violent world that will gradually become exceedingly difficult to solve. The humanitarian crises we are living in Latin America today, including the crisis over the Corona virus pandemic, are the product of neoliberal governments. The countries that have been able to better respond to the challenges of the pandemic, with all its limitations, are countries that have a better infrastructure in the human and health, such as Cuba, Venezuela or Nicaragua, including Cuba put at the top its human and solidarity quality by sending Medical Brigades to many countries of the world.

Most people across a continent manifest themselves with winds of change in a real struggle for their human rights, leaving behind what was just a political calculation or omission and not a real defence of their human rights.

The role of OHCHR of the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights is precisely to ensure the human rights of individuals. Enforce these rights with all means at your fingertips. That is what humanity is expected.

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