



Rallies for Venezuela Peace and Solidarity - Feb. 4 and 9

The newly-formed Venezuela Peace and Solidarity Committee of Vancouver has issued a call for rallies to oppose the outside interventions by Canada, the US and other countries which aim to depose the democratically elected government of President Nicolas Maduro.

Monday, Feb. 4, 12 noon

On Monday, February 4, Canada's Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland will host a meeting in Ottawa of the "Lima Cartel" - the group of western hemisphere countries which recognizes the claim by opposition politician Juan Gerardo Guaidó to be the self-proclaimed president of Venezuela. In response, the Venezuela Peace and Solidarity Committee of Vancouver will rally for peace and solidarity at 12 noon, Monday, Feb. 4, at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 12 noon

A second rally is being organized on Saturday, February 9, 12 noon, also at the Vancouver Art Gallery. All those who share our concerns about the ongoing intervention by the US, Canada, and other countries in the internal affairs of Venezuela are welcome to attend.

"Last year's presidential elections were characterized by Canadian and other international observers as fair, transparent, and representing the will of the Venezuelan people. Despite this, the Canadian government and its allies in the "Lima Group" are pressing to remove the democratically elected President Nicolás Maduro, in blatant violation of the sovereignty of Venezuela. The "Lima Group" gives unconditional support to extreme right-wing sectors in the country, and to their preparations to install the self-proclaimed opposition leader, Juan Guaidó as interim

president. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has even echoed Donald Trump, calling upon President Maduro to cede power. Instead of continuing to promote such attempts to impose an unelected president, we call upon the Canadian government to support a climate of dialogue, peace and solidarity, in order to help resolve the political crisis in Venezuela."

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