



**Declaration of the Central American Meeting of Social Movements toward ALBA**  
*Tegucigalpa MDC (Municipality of the Central District Honduras 20-21 February 2016)*

In view of the current international situation, we who are gathered together at the second Central American Coordinating Meeting of Social Movements towards ALBA, attended by the leaders of the Mexican, Guatemalan, El Salvadoran, Nicaraguan, Costa Rican and Colombian chapters, declare the following:

- We express our solidarity with compañera Milagros Salas and we demand her immediate release; Milagros is a social activist who has been imprisoned under Mauricio Macri's right wing government's policy to criminalise protest in our sister republic of Argentina.
- We demand that the US government, now that they have re-established diplomatic relations with Cuba, put a complete end to the economic, trade and financial blockade they have imposed on this sister nation since 1959. Similarly, we demand the closure of the Guantánamo naval base and the return of this territory to the Cuban government and people.
- We send our greetings of solidarity to the Constitutional President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros and his people, who are presently suffering permanent US imperialist aggression --aided and abetted by the footloose Venezuelan oligarchy-- which has declared war on the process towards Latin American Unity and on the liberation struggle of our peoples.
- We salute the Peace Talks process between the Colombian government and the FARC-EP which is taking place in Havana, Cuba. We also salute the talks with the ELN and we hope that they will soon continue on to a public phase. We especially express our solidarity with the peace processes led by various organisations from the Colombian popular movement, such as the Social Table for Peace. We hope that these processes will guarantee the end of armed conflict, that peace with social justice is built and will guarantee the full development of the Colombian people; at the same time we declare that the successful outcome of the peace process is also a dream held by all the people of our America.
- We condemn the systematic repression against our Lenca indigenous sisters and brothers in the San Francisco Ojuera community, Santa Bárbara, Honduras for defending the Gualcarque River from the ambitions of the DESA transnational company, measures that overtly violate ILO Convention 169.
- We condemn the despicable murder of William Juan Mengivar, of the Gregorio Chávez Movement in the Panamá community in Bajo Aguán, Colon department, Honduras and we

equally condemn the repression against popular sectors which are fighting for their right to land and the defence of their territory in the Central American region.

- We demand an end to the repression and criminalisation against those in Guatemala defending their territory and their human rights; we add our voices to those demanding freedom for political prisoners and we express our solidarity with the leader of the Campesino Unity Committee, Daniel Pascual, who is facing legal proceedings over his role as a defender of the rights of indigenous peoples.

This meeting also agrees to hold the Central American Cultural, Ideological and Political Discussion Forum on encouraging popular, original, constituent and re-foundational processes in the region.

From this Central American space we move forward in our debate of ideas on the road to our Second Continental Assembly of Social Movements for ALBA.

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