

FINAL DECLARATION LAWFARE AGAINST VENEZUELA, THREE YEARS AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF THE DIPLOMAT ALEX SAAB

In Latin America a series of political persecutions have been taking place in order to stop the projects of change and social inclusion that are being developed in their countries. To this end, the judicial guarantees of presidents, former presidents, leaders, diplomats and public officials have been systematically violated. This has been done with the consent and complicity of the media, judges, prosecutors and police.

This series of media and judicial actions seek to discipline a certain political bias, are known as Lawfare, and constitute a threat against peace and democracies in the world.

Lawfare also constitutes one of the forms of aggression of the United States against Venezuela, having in the kidnapping of its diplomat Alex Saab, one of its most condemnable episodes, which in turn sets a worrying precedent for the normal development of international relations.

The Free Alex Saab Movement, together with the organizations and movements gathered today, June 14, 2023, in the city of Caracas, Venezuela, agree that Lawfare is a weapon that manipulates the legal sphere for political purposes causing serious damage to the democratic system. In this sense, we firmly believe that an international platform must be created to stop the advance of this form of aggression against States, peoples, institutions and their leaders.

We agree:

1. To recognize the initiative of the creation of the Continental Registry of political prisoners on May 28, 2023.
2. To take the case of Alex Saab to the Summit of the Peoples in the framework of the CELAC-EU Meeting in Belgium on July 17 and 18, 2023.
3. To make visible with public actions, on the 16th of each month, the injustice committed against the diplomat Alex Saab and other political prisoners in the region.
4. To raise the case of the diplomat Alex Saab before the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.
5. To create the American Observatory of Lawfare, for the study, condemnation and dismantling of this type of aggressions.

6. To propose to the regional integration organizations training courses for judges, prosecutors and other judicial officials for the prevention and recognition of the phenomenon of lawfare.
7. Promote the creation of an instance of jurists, academics and legal scholars to debate on a legal doctrine on lawfare.