

Venezuelans, military citizens and police officers,

Venezuela and the whole world know that in the July 28 elections our victory was overwhelming. From the humblest citizen, witness, table member, officer of the Armed Forces, police, to international organizations and governments, they know it. With the minutes in hand, the planet has seen and recognized the triumph of the democratic forces.

We have done our part. We have carried out the most formidable civic mobilization so that the electoral victory was unquestionable. It is a triumph obtained with enormous energy and firmness, and we have done it in peace. We obtained 67% of the votes, while Nicolás Maduro obtained 30%. This is the expression of the popular will. We won in all the states of the country and in almost all the municipalities. All citizens, including the members of Plan República, are witnesses of this reality.

However, Maduro refuses to recognize that he was defeated by the entire country and, in the face of the legitimate protest, has launched a brutal offensive against democratic leaders, witnesses, table members and even against the common citizen, with the absurd purpose of trying to hide the truth and, at the same time, to try to corner the winners.

We call on the conscience of the military and police to stand on the side of the people and their own families. With this massive violation of human rights, the high command is aligning itself with Maduro and his vile interests. While you are represented by the people who went out to vote, by your comrades in the National Armed Forces, by your families and friends, whose will was expressed on July 28 and you know it.

We are aware that in all components of the National Armed Forces there is a decision not to repress citizens who peacefully demand their rights and their victory. Venezuelans are not enemies of the FAN. With this disposition, we call on you to prevent the actions of groups organized by the Madurist leadership, a combination of military and police squads and armed groups outside the State, who beat, torture and also murder, under the protection of the evil power they represent. You can and must stop these actions immediately. We urge you to prevent the rampage of the regime against the people and to respect and enforce the results of the July 28th elections. Maduro has staged a coup d'état that goes against the entire constitutional order and he wants to make you his accomplices.

You know that we have the irrefutable evidence of victory. The Carter Center's report is devastating on the electoral conditions and results, while Maduro tries to fabricate results when, in addition, the legal period for their publication has expired.

Members of the Armed Forces and police forces, attend to your institutional duties, do not repress the people, accompany them.

Likewise, we ask all Venezuelans who have mothers, fathers, children, siblings, partners who are members of the National Armed Forces or police officers, to demand that they do not repress, that they ignore illegal orders and that they recognize Popular Sovereignty, expressed in the votes on Sunday, July 28.

The new government of the Republic, democratically elected by the Venezuelan people, offers guarantees to those who comply with their constitutional duty. It also emphasizes that there will be no impunity. This is a commitment that we assume with each and every Venezuelan.

We won this election without any discussion whatsoever. It was an electoral avalanche, full of energy and with an admirable citizen organization, peaceful, democratic and with irreversible results. Now it is up to all of us to make the voice of the people be respected. The proclamation of Edmundo González Urrutía as president-elect of the Republic is immediate.

Caracas, August 5, 2024



Edmundo González Urrutía

President Elect of Venezuela



María Corina Machado

Leader of the democratic forces of Venezuela