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Chavez "restrictive" Law is rejected

Warning about NGO's Control in Venezuela

Members from a network of Venezuelan Non Government Organizations (Ngo's) warned the Uruguayan political parties that, President Hugo Chavez propels a very restrictive Law to constrain their activities and that he will involve other countries from the region, as stated in Parliament by lawyer Mónica Fernández, who was in Montevideo, informing the political leaders of this situation.

Fernández represents a group of Venezuelan NGO's which are carrying out a tour around South America to warn about the risk of a new Law in her country which will allow, if approved, President Chavez to have "complete control" over social expressions and, at the same time request solidarity from fellow presidents, congresses and chancelleries.

The Venezuelan delegates gathered yesterday with representatives of the Uruguayan political parties, to whom they delivered proofs as well as international backups, of those, contrary to the Law in question.

"It is one more step in the limitations imposed by the government to the civil society" in Venezuela, Fernández said, who belongs to the Venezuelan Penal Forum. This indicates that everything we do will be controlled by President Chavez's own perspective, she added.

Fernández explained that environmental, social, legal and all kinds of organizations will be subject to this difficult situation. "If Venezuelan President does not recognize us under those norms, we will be declared as irregular groups", she warned.