

Lima, 11 de julio de 2006

Honorable  
NICOLÁS MADURO  
President National Assembly  
**Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**  
Caracas.-

Dear Mr. Maduro,

We hereby address this letter by which we would like to state our solidarity with the Venezuelan organizations that have shown their disagreement with the Law project on International Cooperation recently approved on its first discussion by the National Assembly, for it contains new responsibilities and regulations directed to the civil society organizations.

We understand International Cooperation plays an important role on the integral human development, social justice and people's welfare. It is in this sense, that civil social organizations have been founded, and they have been providing considerable contributions on human rights: development, gender, boys, girls and adolescents, among others, to Venezuelan society. Likewise, the civil social organizations render services and support to those who have less economic resources and are, therefore, more vulnerable.

We agree with the arguments exposed by Venezuelan civil social organizations, when they already contended to be subject to severe legal regulations. And in particular, to a legal framework that limits their functioning in the municipal, state and national levels; and hence they fear, that more special and restrictive regulations in their activities, without a clear justification about its necessity in a democratic society, and as well as without the restrictions established in the Law project, hence leaving this instance to a government's decree, would jeopardize the right to participation, so clearly stated in the Venezuelan's constitution and other international legal instruments. Naturally, this would put in doubt the State organization to generate favorable conditions in order to exercise their objectives.

At the same time, we coincide with Venezuelan civil organizations, in that their contributions to the development of a democratic State, based on transparent and responsible human rights should be understood as a positive contribution, even though, they might produce confrontations or disagreements in the political world.

We hope these opinions, which we are allowed to express, will be taken as a statement of universal character of human rights of which, as members of the international community, we monitor beyond the countries boundaries.

Very truly yours,  
Signed

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