



### Venezuela

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Currently, we are witnessing violations of democratic principles across different corner of the world. Democracy in its very nature demands freedom of speech, free and fair election and free Judicial system in the nation among others. Democracy played significant role in creating peaceful, developed and ordered world. For that matter democratic principles played significant role in enriching economic, social, and cultural development what Huntington reframed as ‘Wave’ of democratization.

Venezuelan which is among Latin Americans members, faced last long violation of democratic principles. Historically, Venezuelan headed by individuals who came to power after throwing authoritarian regime. In 1999 Chevez succeeded long lasting President Carlos Andres Perez and leaded the country for almost 14 years. After Chevez, Maduro who was the right hand of Chevez took power. After he came to power, president Maduro tried to hold national election in 2016 in which opposition parties won General national Assembly and not accepted by president Maduro. That was where catastrophic humanitarian crisis including detention of key opponents, extrajudicial killing, mass arrest and migration due to internal conflict started.

Such ongoing escalation in human rights deterioration and repression was triggered the country towards unrest humanitarian crisis. One in four Venezuelans are in need of humanitarian assistance, according to the most recent Humanitarian Response Plan estimates (UNHRC,2022). One big thing, Venezuela is the world largest producers of oil with proved largest oil reserve, owned gold and diamond. However, due to lack of democratic practices in the country, the country is challenging its citizen as well the world.

The world tried to forward possible measures to overcome these decades lasts humanitarian crisis. Recent update indicated that USA has declared several initiatives starting from Barak Obama's Administration to move Venezuela towards peaceful and democratic Country. European Parliament passed resolutions on the National Assembly of Venezuela in 2021, 2020 on the situation in Venezuela after the illegal election of the new National Assembly Presidency and Bureau and in 2020 on the humanitarian situation in Venezuela and the migration and refugee crisis to list a few which did not came in to effective. Again, UN tried to end this ongoing catastrophic phenomenon in the country through taking different measures that focus on restorations of democratic rights.

To this end, recently Venezuela's government forwarded the following solutions for the way towards democratic transition: -

- 1) Discussing with civil society (members of Foro Cívico). This discussion facilitates civil societies engagement in the internal affairs of their own country.
- 2) Establishing discussion platform with opposition party leaders to have a part on the way of restoring democratic transition and system in the country .
- 3) Restoring diplomatic ties with USA to respond to economic and political challenges facing Venezuelan citizens .