

YCDI Statement of Solidarity for Venezuela

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To the People of Venezuela,

The Youth of the Centrist Democratic International (YCDI) stands in unwavering solidarity with the Venezuelan people during these profoundly challenging times. We express our deep concern over the continuous violations of civil rights that have plagued your nation. Following fraudulent elections orchestrated to subvert the democratic will, Dictator Nicolás Maduro entrenched his grip on power on January 10th—the date on which the rightful president of Venezuela should have been sworn in.

For the YCDI and the broader democratic international community, Edmundo González Urrutia is the lawful president-elect of Venezuela, and María Corina Machado is the rightful vice president-elect, as confirmed by the electoral acts (actas electorales) that awarded them an overwhelming majority of the votes. We firmly affirm that they were sworn into office on January 10th, in line with the democratic mandate bestowed upon them by the Venezuelan people.

We are deeply concerned for the courageous democratic youth of Venezuela. Many have been forced to flee their homeland in the face of repression, and countless others remain, braving daily persecution as they strive for a more prosperous, peaceful, and democratic future. Their bravery and commitment to the ideals of freedom and democracy inspire us all.

The YCDI remains committed to supporting the people of Venezuela in their pursuit of a democratic and just future. We call on the international community to continue holding the Maduro regime accountable and to uphold the democratic will of the Venezuelan people.

In solidarity,

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