

UNASUR COMMUNIQUE REGARDING USA RENEWAL OF EXECUTIVE ORDER ABOUT VENEZUELA – March 30th, 2016.

The Member States of the Union of South American Nations, reject the decision of the Government of the United States of America to extend by one year the period of validity of the Executive Order of 9 March 2015 on Venezuela, which constitutes a threat that interferes with the sovereignty and the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States.

The Member States reiterate what was expressed in the Communiqué of the Union, approved by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on March 14, 2015 and reaffirm their commitment to the full observance of International Law and the peaceful settlement of disputes. The extension of the validity of this Executive Order circumvents without any consideration the request that UNASUR presented to repeal the same.

Likewise, UNASUR appeals to the Governments to refrain from implementing unilateral coercive measures that contravene international law and disturb an institutional dialogue that will allow the people of Venezuela to reconcile and to overcome differences without foreign intervention or pressure.