



## **Raúl thanks new donation from the sister nation of Venezuela**

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**The history of brotherhood between the peoples of Cuba and Venezuela is deeply rooted. Before the statue of the Liberator Simón Bolívar, in the 19th century, José Martí asked how to serve Venezuela. After the passage of Hurricane Irma, as on other occasions, the Bolivarian Republic was the first country to offer its solidarity support.**

Receiving, this Friday, on behalf of the people of Cuba a new donation from the sister nation, Army General Raul Castro Ruz said that "this gesture of the revolutionary government of Venezuela, led by its Constitutional President Nicolás Maduro, demonstrates the fairness of the words of Martí and the teachings of Bolívar".

During the brief ceremony held in Mariel Container Terminal, the President of the Councils of State and Ministers highlighted that the steps taken by the revolutionary governments still remaining in our continent; show that the thoughts of Bolívar and Martí can be fulfilled as long as we count on our peoples.

Centuries more or centuries less, "in the end we only have one option: to triumph. And we will triumph", Raúl stressed, while thanking the nation with which we have always maintained close ties of friendship and cooperation.

**For his part, Maduro, who was accompanied by First Combatant Cilia Flores, said that, the present and the future are built with the solidarity between the peoples.**

Especially with Cuba -he assured- we are united by centuries of brotherhood and mutual admiration, "from Bolívar, Martí, from Maceo and more recently with the historical reunion between Che Guevara and Fidel, that made all paths of history meet again and designed for future times a method that has a basis: solidarity, joint work".

He also referred to the tasks to be faced, such as climate change and the fierceness of hurricanes, which demand common responses in the short, medium and long terms. He also reaffirmed the support from the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA) to Puerto Rico, the

Dominican Republic, Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica, devastated by the most recent climate events.

The Cuban people must know -he pointed out- that our solidarity is sincere, it is always and forever, that their emergency and their pain are our emergency and our pain.

Frigate Captain Delvis Salazar Lozano, commander of the Los Llanos TANGO-64, of the Bolivarian Navy, explained to the Cuban press, the cargo includes small format power plants, construction materials, wood, electrical transformers, trucks, other equipment and supplies.

For the endowment of my boat it is an honor and a pride to find ourselves here today. Solidarity and brotherhood among our peoples is something that Ch vez and Maduro gave us, it is something that will remain for history and is an example for America, he added.

The ceremony was also attended by member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Party, Miguel D az-Canel Berm dez, First Vice-President of the Councils of State and Ministers; Rodrigo Malmierca D az, Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment; as well as Rogelio Polanco, Ambassador of Cuba to Venezuela, and other directors.

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