



**Statement of the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and  
Caribbean Network for Democracy:  
Death of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias**

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (RedLad) platform to promotion of democracy and respect for human rights comprising more than 480 organizations, as an Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD), is permitted to make the following postulates in cause of the death of the president of Venezuela Hugo Rafael Chavez Frias:

- Expresses its solidarity with the Venezuelan people by the death of their president, especially with his sympathizers.
- It calls for calm, the need for build bridges to avoid constitutional manipulations and allow the return to the path of democracy, respect for human rights, electoral transparency and other items representative of full democracy.
- Calls on the authorities to respect the constitutional articles given the situation and carry out the appropriate actions towards an election, that constitutionally need to be executed in the coming days.
- Urges Venezuelan citizenship as a whole, the military authorities and the country's rulers to consolidate, respect, promote and establish patterns to social peace, public awareness, democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in this transition period, in order to avoid bloodshed, social chaos, manipulation of Venezuelan legislation and actions contrary to democracy, pluralism and collective interests of Venezuela.

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