

# Press Releases: Venezuelan Independence Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States, congratulations to the people of Venezuela on the anniversary of your independence.

The United States joins friends of Venezuela across the Americas and around the world in supporting a peaceful, democratic, and comprehensive solution to the crisis you face. We will continue to hold accountable those who purposefully prevent reconciliation by undermining Venezuela's democratic institutions and violating human rights.

We join with you in looking forward to a brighter future.

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