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*Revolutionary battle against bureaucracy*

**Government Administration to focus on defeating the bureaucracy**



Caracas, Jan 8 (ABN).- This year, the Venezuelan Government Administration will be focused on defeating the bureaucratic practices deeply entrenched in Venezuelan State since many years ago, the Minister of the People's Power for Communication and Information, Andrés Izarra, assured.

After the Ministers Council number 553, carried out this Tuesday at the Miraflores Presidential Palace, the Minister mentioned some of the mechanisms that will contribute to counterattack the old vices in the public administration.

“There are a set of laws that have to be tuned, as well as new laws that have to be written, jointly with initiatives allowing us to restructure the government”, he stated.

Some of the legal instruments that could be checked are the Organic Law on Public Administration and the Law on Tender.

At the Ministers Council, the possible creation of new ministries or to merge existent ministries was also discussed, as well as the creation of new initiatives, ministries' reorganization, and their redefinition at the ministries boards, as a part of a new functioning and dynamic scheme oriented towards the people.

He emphasized that “these changes in the laws and operation tuning that we are looking for will contribute to solve the most critical problems of the Venezuelans”.

In this sense, Izarra said that at the ministers' meeting some laws that represent an obstacle or

block the development of a more efficient administration were discussed. "Laws that bureaucratise the administrative processes. This State restructuring looks for higher response capabilities to benefit people and to boost people's power", he stated.

Izarra stressed that with this Tuesday's meeting a researching stage has commenced, as well as a real effective and empowerment in order to solve the longstanding problems that remain in the country.

## **President Chávez: the Bolivarian Revolution is Our guarantee of peace**



Caracas, Jan 8 (ABN).- The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Hugo Chávez Frías, pointed out that the Bolivarian Revolution is a warranty of peace in Venezuela. The statements were made during his speech at the Minister Council number 553, carried out this Tuesday at the Miraflores Presidential Palace.

"We are building peace. We are extracting Venezuela from a terrible social war that almost brought us to a deeper abyss" Chávez said.

He reiterated that 2008 is the year to re-launch the revolution, through the permanent execution of the three Rs: revision, rectification, and resume.

Chávez mentioned that this year is the revolution's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, representing the first great stage of this social, economic, moral, and food sovereignty project.

On the other hand, the President showed his satisfaction at the victory of Venezuelan male and female volley-ball teams reaching their classification to the Olympic Games Beijing 2008.

The reforms to the Macroeconomic Stabilization Fund (FONDEM, Spanish acronym), the creation

of a socialist mixed company to build Venezuelan vehicles, as well as the Sugar Center companies at Trujillo and Sucre, among others, are some of the points of discussion at this Minister's Council.

In this first Minister's Council of 208, Chávez met with the new members of the Administration, as well as those that were ratified in their posts this Sunday at the television program "Aló, Presidente", carried out at the Socialist Formation Center Ezequiel Zamora, located in Charallave, Miranda State, Venezuela.

The ratified staff members are the Minister of the People's Power for Defense, Gustavo Rangel Briceño; Agriculture and Lands, Elías Jaua; Infrastructure, José David Cabello; Environment, Yubirí Ortega; Communal Economy, Pedro Morejón; Higher Education, Luis Acuña; and Health, Jesús Montilla.

Chávez also ratified the ministers of Science and Technology, Hector Navarro; Indigenous People, Nicia Maldonado; Work and Social Security, José Ramón Rivero; Tourism, Olga Azuaje; Foreign Affairs, Nicolás Maduro; Culture, Francisco Sesto; Education, Adán Chávez; and Energy and Petroleum, Rafael Ramírez.

Likewise, Chávez welcomed the new ministers: the Minister of the People's Power for Interior and Justice, Ramón Rodríguez Chacín; Communication and Information, Andrés Izarra; Chief Staff, Jesse Chacón; Social Participation and Protection, Erika Farias; Basic Industries and Mining, Rodolfo Sanz.

He also appointed the Ministers of Light Industries and Commerce, William Contreras; Planning and Development, Haiman El Troudi; Food, Félix Osorio; Housing and Habitat, Jorge Pérez Prado; Finance, Rafael Isea; Telecommunications, Socorro Hernández; and Sports, Victoria Mata.

## **FARC hostage negotiations update**

Caracas, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> . ABN.- The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Hugo Chávez Frías, announced that he received on the morning of this Wednesday the coordinates of the place where are kept the hostages in hands of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

"I want to inform that we have received this morning on behalf of the FARC command, the coordinates where Clara (Rojas) and Consuelo (Gonzalez de Perdomo) are kept, because thank to God the child Emmanuel is fine, and he is in Bogotá," the President informed.

The declarations were given by the President during a ceremony to reward the national male and female volleyball teams, due to their classification to the Beijing Olympic Games 2008, presented on national broadcast of radio and television.

## **Caracas : People's Power Security Plan 2008**

Rodríguez Chacín: Caracas' people to participate in Security Plan 2008

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Caracas, Jan 9 ABN.- Caracas' people will participate in the Citizen Security Plan 2008 designed by the new Minister of People's Power for Interior and Justice, Ramón Rodríguez Chacín, which will start next Thursday.

Minister Chacín made the announcement during the activation of the Citizen Security Plan 2008, held in the Ministry.

Rodríguez Chacín explained that an effective policy for citizen's security has not been developed in Venezuela. In this respect, the Minister said that the District Attorney's Office, the Judicial Power, the Tax Office Seniat and, mainly, the people, will participate in the security plan.

"We will give protection to the people; we offer it as a revolutionary duty; we will give them social peace, the peace that every Venezuelans needs," the Minister said.

He added that the plan, which will start first in Caracas, will serve as a model for other regions of the country.

Rodríguez Chacín said that the security plan has not been understood as an occupation army in the shantytowns, where most of the crimes are carried out. He said that the insecurity problems date back from the colonial times until today.

Minister Chacín added that the crime will not have an immediate solution and it will not be solved with a surveillance operation, "but this new plan is link with other actions such as the Law for the National Policy including into the Enabling Law, among other security that we will progressively announce".

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