

## MODEL MOTION FOR LABOUR PARTY CLPs AND TRADE UNIONS ON VENEZUELA

### This CLP/Union Branch Notes:

- The Tory UK government's support for the US Trump's administration position of 'regime change' in Venezuela, which is illegal under international law.
- Comments from Trump himself, VP Pence, and Secretary of State Pompeo amongst others have included threats of military action, and invoked the possibility of a right-wing military coup.
- There are increasingly harsh US sanctions on Venezuela, described by former United Nations rapporteur Alfredo de Zayas as 'economic warfare,' that hit ordinary Venezuelans the hardest.

### This CLP/Union Branch Believes:

- The future of Venezuela is a matter for Venezuelans alone to determine.
- The far-right governments of Trump and Bolsonaro offer no hope to Venezuela or to the majority of people in Latin America.
- Whatever views people hold on Venezuela, there is no justification for backing the US attempt at regime change under way, which, if successful, could go the way of the disastrous interventions in Iraq and Libya. US interventions also have a bloody history in Latin America itself, including with previous US backed coups and military juntas, such as in Chile under Pinochet.
- The way forward in Venezuela is the call for dialogue from Mexico, Bolivia, Uruguay and others. The UK government should therefore constructively engage with the existing government of Venezuela and other political forces there to support a dialogue and a negotiated peaceful settlement.

### This CLP/Union Branch Resolves (amend and delete as appropriate):

- To campaign against U.S. intervention in Venezuela for 'regime change' and against UK support for this, whether through military action or support for a right-wing coup.
- To endorse and circulate the statement published in *The Guardian* (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jan/27/putting-venezuelas-crisis-and-us-intervention-in-historical-context> ) on January 27 against US intervention in Venezuela.
- To invite a speaker from the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign or Labour Friends of Progressive Latin America to a future event.
- To join numerous national trade unions, such as Unite, Unison, GMB, CWU, NEU (NUT), PCS, RMT, UCU, FBU, TSSA, ASLEF, NAPO, BFAWU, PFA, POA, MU, NUM, the GFTU, regions of the TUC and others in affiliating to the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign.