



Guaidó Announces Measures Against Alleged Corruption Cases Carried Out by the Maduro Government

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Interim President Juan Guaidó announced at a news conference on Dec. 1, 2019, a package of legal and political measures that are aimed at counteracting and investigating the reported corruption acts and, on strengthening Venezuelan institutions. These measures are a result of the allegations stated previously by Guaidó with regard to possible acts of corruption committed by deputies of the National Assembly with an extensive business network seeking to benefit the Chavism political movement.

In accordance with the above, the measures announced correspond to:

1. declaring the invalidity of the documentation issued by the Comptroller Commission or Parliament that exculpate corrupt officials
2. immediately restructuring the Comptroller Commission of the National Assembly
3. suspending from office any deputies of the National Assembly that are being investigated for the complaints issued by Guaidó
4. initiating an exhaustive investigation along with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), professional associations, media and journalists of the facts set forth in the complaint
5. summoning Armando.info journalists to submit before Parliament the investigation's progress and results
6. informing Venezuelan and international authorities that no government official of Guaidó or deputy of Parliament is empowered to issue guarantees of good conduct
7. confirming an open call to citizens who are interested in assuming the position of Comptroller of the Republic.
8. urging Commissioner Julio Borges and Ambassador Gustavo Tarre to reveal at the next Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR) meeting the names of those indicated in the alleged corruption case, and with this in mind, request that an agency enforce any additional measures it may deem appropriate

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