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China and U.S. military action in Venezuela

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China has expressed grave concern and strong opposition following recent U.S. military actions in Venezuela, denouncing what it called a "blatant violation of international law and the basic norms governing international relations."

In a sharply worded statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, spokesperson Wang Wenbin urged the United States to "immediately cease its illegal use of force and interference

in Venezuela's internal affairs."

"China consistently adheres to the principles of sovereign equality and non-interference in other countries' domestic affairs, which are core tenets of the UN Charter," Wang stated during a regular press briefing.

"The actions taken by the United States constitute a serious threat to peace and stability in Latin America and undermine the international collective security framework."

Analysts in Beijing suggest that China's reaction is rooted in its foundational foreign policy principles and its strategic interests in the region.

China's response is multifaceted. Firstly, it is an unequivocal defense of the principle of state sovereignty, a cornerstone of Chinese diplomacy. Secondly, Venezuela is a significant partner in Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative and a major recipient of Chinese investment and loans. Stability in Venezuela is directly linked to Chinese economic interests.

China has been a key economic and diplomatic backer of the Venezuelan government for over a decade, providing billions in loans and investing heavily in the country's oil sector. The U.S. action is seen in Beijing not only as a geopolitical challenge but as a potential threat to these substantial financial stakes. The reaction in Chinese state media has been uniformly critical.

Editorials in Global Times and People's Daily have framed the assault as another example of "U.S. hegemonism and power politics," warning that such actions set a dangerous precedent that could destabilize the entire global order.

"Where is the boundary of the so-called 'American authority'?" asked a Global Times editorial. "The world is not a domain where the U.S. military can act at will. This arrogant overreach will only fuel global resentment and accelerate the decline of U.S. credibility."

Observers note that China's stance will likely translate into increased diplomatic support for Venezuela at the United Nations Security Council, where Beijing is expected to shield Caracas from further punitive

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measures. China may also call for

multilateral dialogues, advocating for a "Venezuelan-led, Venezuelan-owned" political solution, a phrase consistent with its diplomatic lexicon on regional conflicts.

"China will likely position itself as the defender of the developing world against Western coercion," says Mark Williams, a Singapore-based political risk analyst. "This incident offers a clear point of contrast between China's professed doctrine of non-intervention and America's willingness to use military force. It's a powerful narrative tool for Beijing in Latin America and beyond."

The Chinese government's statement concluded with a call for all parties to "exercise restraint and resolve differences through peaceful dialogue and consultation."

While the language was standard diplomatic fare, the underlying message was clear: China views the U.S. escalation in Venezuela as a destabilizing act that contravenes its vision for a multipolar world order, and it will use its political and economic weight to oppose it.

As the situation develops, Beijing's focus will be on protecting its investments, upholding its stated diplomatic principles, and limiting what it perceives as an unchecked extension of U.S. power in a region of growing strategic importance to Beijing.

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