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Irredentism and regime change have no place in International Law

It is noted with deep consternation that several states in Latin America, the Middle East and elsewhere are ominously threatened with military strikes and other forceful measures in potential violation of their respective sovereignty and territorial integrity.

These threats have been made especially in the wake of the recent unlawful military incursions into Venezuela and the arrest and detention of the President of that country, carried out by the incumbent Trump Administration.

No country, however big or powerful, can flagrantly breach the international law and the UN Charter. The post-world war order, which by and large ensured global stability despite some persistent, yet unresolved, challenges to international peace and security, has been made more volatile by the ruthless, aggravated pursuit of self-serving geopolitical ambitions.

Resource-plundering drive of the kind of geopolitics that is fleetingly at play today, runs diametrically counter to all international legal norms and established diplomatic practices.

Strikingly, American foreign policy adventurism appears to have discarded its moral fig leaf which hid its true intentions behind regime change projects, irredentist inclinations, and proxy-led atrocities, and now openly and unashamedly claims ownership of, or control over, resources of other countries. It is well entrenched in the international law, that sovereignty over natural resources rests entirely with the country they are endowed with.

These are developments which can only lead to the debasement of humanity at large, if they are given a free reign. They can dangerously drag the world close to another world war, to avoid which the UN was established in the first place.

We unreservedly abhor these highly abominable acts and incidents, and call for dialogue and cooperation among states as the only path towards the resolution of disputes and conflicts, and also for the unravelling of oppressive policies and injustices caused to vulnerable states and peoples.

It is high time that the global community rose in solidarity with the states concerned and strove to check unilateral impulses that threaten the delicate peace and security worldwide.

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