



Deportation of People in Latin America, Is It Possible?

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Due to multiple problems that threaten the life of a person or group of people in their country of origin, they make the painful decision to leave their homes and land and arrive, usually illegally, to another country. The host country for international agreements, especially those that sign these agreements, has the obligation to receive and protect them. When the receiving country does not comply with these norms and proceeds to return these migrants without any investigation or giving them the opportunity to legalize their situation, this group of people become deportees.

Deportation has existed in the history of humanity for centuries, however, with the establishment of international standards, the creation of the United Nations Organization and its representative, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the legal protection of these migrants, however, there are still many countries in the world that, even though they are signatories to international conventions for the protection of migrants, fail to comply with the rules and inhumanly and cruelly return these people regardless of race, religion, or political condition and even more so if there is the possibility that they will die on the way back or be arrested or executed in their country of origin. Stories of this nature are heard and read almost every day, which is always thought to take place in distant regions. In Latin America, day by day, human groups are known to cross borders who are captured by the host country and deported regardless of the risk that it may pose to the lives of these victims.

Venezuela, a country that in its recent democratic history, has been a recipient of migrants and complying with international protection conventions for all those who have requested asylum and incorporated them into public life, not only from the Caribbean area but from whole region of the Americas, when they have suffered dictatorships in their countries or civil wars, but have also welcomed persons from other parts of the world, which have enriched culture, science and other aspects of civic life.

Now when the political and social situation has become unbearable for the Venezuelan population and more than 5 million Venezuelans have forcibly left the country, according to the United Nations Migration Office, a reprehensible event occurs, on Sunday, November 22, 2020, the government of the island Trinidad and Tobago deported a group of 16 Venezuelan children, who fled with their parents from the terrible socioeconomic situation suffered in Venezuela, separating them from their parents, in breach the American Charter of Human Rights.

Situations of this type cannot be allowed in a globalized world, so from the Venezuelan Pediatric Society we made an alert call to the government of Venezuela and to international organizations such as the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Fund of the United Nations for Children (UNICEF) to work to protect these migrants, reunify them with their parents and the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to establish the responsibility

ties and sanctions to the intellectual and material authors of this violation of Rights Humans, especially children and adolescents and we hope that events of this nature will not be repeated in Venezuela or in any other country.

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