



**STATEMENT
OF THE
CENTRIST DEMOCRAT INTERNATIONAL**

Slovenian government uses Venezuelan method to persecute dissent

This May 29, the Slovenian government ordered the raid of two opposition media outlets, Nova24 TV and Democracija.

The action comes just before the European elections and aims to sabotage the imminent victory of the opposition SDS party, led by former prime minister Janez Jansa.

The behavior of the Slovenian government is similar to that of the Caribbean dictatorships, Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, which is not surprising, since one of the parties in the ruling coalition, Levica, belongs to the Progressive International and has close ties with the Venezuelan regime.

The raid, clearly illegal, recalls the measures taken 20 years ago by Hugo Chávez to close the main independent television station, Radio Caracas Televisión, RCTV.

If there is no strong international reaction, this method, identical to the mechanisms used by the Sao Paulo Forum to persecute its adversaries, will expand throughout Europe.

Let us hope that the Slovenian people do not allow themselves to be intimidated by this totalitarian measure and express their rejection through voting.

Brussels, 29 May 2024