

Green Party of the United States Statement - Venezuelan Embassy

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*The United Nations recognizes **Nicolas Maduro** as the legitimate president of Venezuela. It is illegal under international law for the U.S. to facilitate control of the embassy to opposition leader **Juan Guaido**, who has asserted a claim to the office.*

The [Embassy Protection Collective released a statement](#) recently saying that eviction and arrests of the individuals, inside the embassy with the approval of the Venezuelan government, would violate international law.

“Today’s action creates a horrific precedent. International law protects foreign embassies” said [Margaret Flowers](#), Green Party of the United States Co-chair, and one of the activists arrested today as part of the nonviolent effort to prevent the takeover. “The Trump Administration is violating the [Vienna Convention](#) by not only allowing the illegal seizure of diplomatic premises but by facilitating it. Such action raises concerns for the safety and security of diplomatic staff and embassies, including our own, throughout the world.”

The Green Party platform states that “the U.S. must recognize the sovereignty of nation-states and their right of self-determination.” The Green Party has called for a policy of non-intervention and for [sanctions against Venezuela to be lifted](#).

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