



# Uruguay: Thousand of Latin Americans marched against Neoliberalism

This is how the Continental Conference for Democracy and against Neoliberalism opened doors on Thursday

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Montevideo, Nov 17.— A massive march from the University of the Republic to the Obelisk of this capital opened today the Continental Conference for Democracy and against Neoliberalism, based in Uruguay. The river of flags with colors and insignias of social movements, union organizations, feminists and ecologists, and schools from countries like Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, and the host nation, flowed through the 18 de Julio Avenue, the most important in this city, PL reported.

The voices of Temer Out! (president of Brazil) and Macri Out! (president of Argentina) were recurrent during the inaugural mobilization of the meeting, focusing on the struggles in defense of democracy and against free trade agreements.

Also, the fight against the transnationals and the boost to the peoples' integration, cornerstones of the meeting, were in the calls of thousands of activists from around 20 countries present in the march.

The meeting will end next Saturday with debates regarding the struggle of the people as well as the challenges against the conservative movement and the attacks to democracy.

The meeting saw the light in Havana in 2015 at the Hemispheric Meeting to commemorate the ten years of the defeat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (ALCA), a policy promoted by the United States to consolidate the region's economic domination and exploitation.

The Continental Conference for Democracy and against Neoliberalism is an important meeting, the second secretary of the Cuban Women Federation Arelys Santana, told Prensa Latina news agency, highlighting the necessary unity of the peoples.

Leading the delegation of the island, she warned about the existence of a very strong fight to crush the confidence in the right-wing party.

In her opinion, the unity of the peoples is very necessary with the objective of "facing the struggle that is happening against us to eliminate everything that has a sense of prosperity and order".

Once again, Cuba comes to a meeting like this in the middle of the necessary formulation of a united project

work of all social movements in the region, she said.

For my country, she added, it is an event with extraordinary relevance. First of all, it was very close to a new victory in the United Nations against the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States, and Cuba thanks all the peoples of the continent that have supported the Island.

We will be sharing with the social movements here, to transmit them our experiences and certain that there is no way other than the unity of the peoples to find the victory of everything we pursue, she added.

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