

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



**Speech of the President of the National Institute for
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guarantee of human rights, the demarcation of international borders

nuclear disarmament, ecological balance and environmental resources as the common and inalienable heritage of humanity..”

The Bolivarian process is authentically democratic and inclusive. It promotes popular participation, active contribution and the integration of all sectors of society previously excluded, especially women. However, as any revolutionary process, every day it faces imperialistic aggression, manipulation of monopolized mass

Reproductive Health Regulation, carried out by the Ministry of Health, guarantees sexual and reproductive rights of Venezuelan, for women and men.

In the institutional sphere, we emphasize what follows: The National Institute of Women (INAMUJER) was created on October 25, 1999 and the Women's Development Bank (BANMUJER) was created on March 8, 2001. Likewise, a huge human talent, material and financial resources were incorporated in these

institutions. This is evident by the increased budget allocation in these institutions.

We also note that in December 2005, the National Institute of Statistics (INE), with the participation of Governmental Institutions and Non Governmental Organizations, created a Sub-committee on gender statistics. We would like to emphasize that in May 2005, the Commander, President Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías, signed his approval for the elaboration of the national public budget taking into account gender equity. This represents a giant step towards gender mainstreaming in public policies nationwide.

On parity political rights we have advanced firmly, thanks to the joined efforts of INAMUJER and women organizations. It was named "50% y 50% de participación política" (fifty-fifty political participation), as it was shown on the National Electoral Council resolution in 2005. It asks for proposing candidates for all deliberating

Funds were opened; all of these were coordinated with the Public Financial System

