



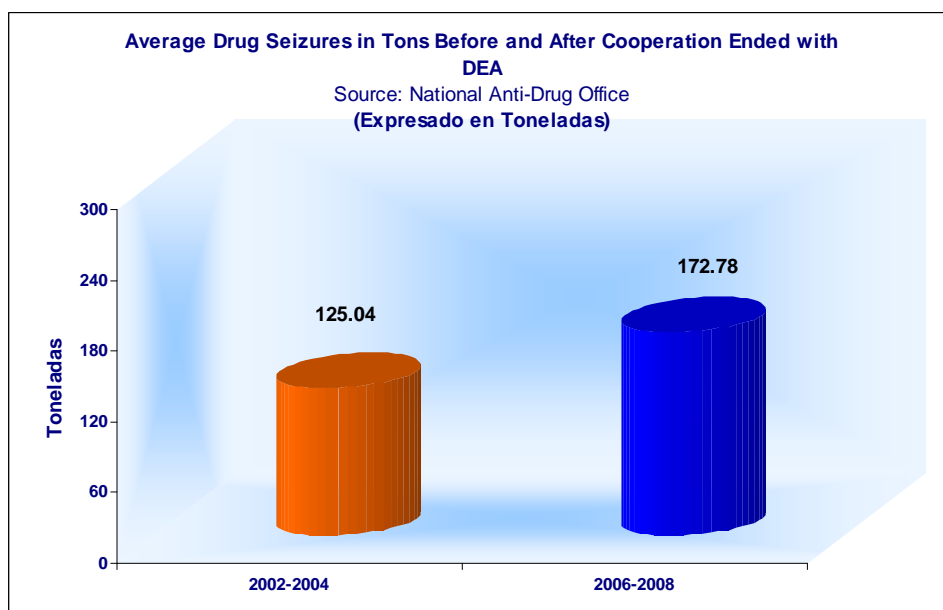
Summary and Graphs

VENEZUELA'S FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

Advances from January-September 2010

- ✓ *"It's regrettable that the U.S. government continues politicizing the fight against drugs and insists on disqualifying the notable efforts and results produced by Venezuela on the issue."*
- ✓ *"We cannot fail to highlight that Venezuela shares a long border with Colombia, the world's largest producer of cocaine, and a hemisphere with the U.S., the world's biggest consumer of it. As such, we can't pretend that Venezuela's efforts alone would resolve a problem as complex as is the trafficking of drugs. Regardless, we will continue sustaining our efforts, both in drug seizures and monitoring as well as in prevention and treatment, just as we will move forward with the cooperation agreements we have with 38 countries in the world."*

Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the U.S., Bernardo Álvarez.



More important Facts:

- 1) Venezuela has continued increasing its seizures of drugs, relative to past years. Through September 2010, 46 tons of drugs have been seized.
- 2) Just between January and September 2010, five individuals detained for drug trafficking have been deported to the U.S. These efforts were recognized by the U.S. Embassy in Caracas in July.
- 3) The break in cooperation between the DEA and Venezuela was based on accusations that agents were involved in espionage in Venezuela and were linked to drug trafficking rings.
- 4) Drug seizures in recent years have increased 40 percent relative to the level of seizures during the final years of cooperation between Venezuela and the DEA.



Comparison of Drug Seizures Over Last Three Years (Through September)

Source: National Anti-Drug Office



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