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"We have closely followed the so-called Summit of the Americas summoned by the United States. I don't want to offend anyone—I repeat that I don't want to hurt anyone—but I observe the politicians in those summits, under the domineering presence and the pressure of the heads of the empire. In those hemispheric summits there are usually two types of meetings, some are public and others are private".

References to the original: [Speech at the closing of the International Meeting Economia'98. International Conference Center, july 3, 1998](#)

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