

The Norwegian Nobel Committee
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Dear Members of the Nobel Prize Committee,

The undersigned civil, faith-based and human rights organizations write to express our deep concern regarding the decision to award the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize to Venezuelan politician Maria Corina Machado.

We support the Nobel Prize Committee's past efforts to honor those who have peacefully, bravely and consistently advocated for causes of justice, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and South African President Nelson Mandela. However, the decision to nominate Ms. Machado contradicts the values upon which the Nobel Peace Prize was founded.

The facts are clear. Ms. Machado openly supports political movements and parties that promote war, genocide, bigotry, xenophobia, and fascism. She has even called for foreign nations to attack her own nation, purportedly to establish democracy.

Earlier this year, Ms. Machado delivered a virtual speech at the Patriots of Europe, a far-right conference for fascist, anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant extremists. Other keynote speakers included anti-Muslim extremists Geert Wilders, Marie Le Pen, Viktor Orban.

According to Reuters: "All the speakers railed against immigration and most called for a new "Reconquista", a reference to the Medieval re-conquest of Muslim-controlled parts of the Iberian Peninsula by Christian kingdoms. Earlier, former Estonian Finance Minister Martin Helme kicked off the rally following a video message by Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado."¹

Ms. Machado's political party, Vente Venezuela, established a formal alliance with the Likud Party in 2020 that remains in force to this day. Ms. Machado personally signed the agreement establishing the partnership.²

The Likud Party is a far-right, openly racist and genocidal political party that has spent decades violently thwarting efforts to establish a Palestinian state and whose leader Benjamin Netanyahu is wanted for war crimes by the International Criminal Court.

¹ "Orban, Le Pen hail Trump at far-right 'Patriots' summit in Madrid," Reuters. Feb. 8, 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/orban-le-pen-hail-trump-far-right-patriots-summit-madrid-2025-02-08/>

² Inter-Party Agreement Between Vente Venezuela and Likud Party. X. July 23, 2020. <https://x.com/VenteVenezuela/status/1286346531591852036?t=yxVKcaFKIpAVhEIBRssF6w&s=19>

Ms. Machado has declared that “struggle of Venezuela is the struggle of Israel,”³ pledged to move the Venezuelan Embassy to Jerusalem despite Israel's illegal occupation of the entire city,⁴ and even reportedly sent a letter to Prime Minister Netanyahu calling on him to support a military “regime change” in Venezuela.⁵

The Nobel Peace Prize should go to a leader who has shown moral consistency by peacefully pursuing justice for all, not to a politician who claims to support democracy in her own nation while supporting war, fascism, xenophobia and anti-Muslim bigotry.

The Nobel Prize Committee's decision to award Ms. Machado has undermined the committee's storied reputation. Moving forward with the award despite Ms. Machado's stances would cause further, irreparable damage. We therefore urge the Nobel Prize Committee to call upon Ms. Machado to publicly:

- Renounce her support for, and her party's alliance with, Israel's Likud Party,
- Apologize for her participation in the fascist, bigoted Patriots of Europe conference, and
- Retract her support for war as an appropriate tool to advance democracy or otherwise address Venezuela's ongoing political crisis.

If Ms. Machado refuses to take these steps, the Nobel Committee should rescind her award and choose a new honoree who has shown both courage and consistency, such as one of the many activists, journalists, medical professionals or human rights leaders who have taken considerable risk to confront injustice around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Australian Muslim Advocacy Network (AMAN)
Canadians United Against Hate
Collective Against Islamophobia in Europe (CCIE)
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO)
Islamophobia Studies Center
Muslim Council of Britain (MCB)
The March 15th Forum - Combating Islamophobia
US Council of Muslim Organizations (USCMO)

³ Maria Corina Machado, X. <https://x.com/MariaCorinaYA/status/1129486995691069440>

⁴ “Nobel Peace Prize winner Machado unfazed by Gaza genocide, supports Israel,” TRT World. Oct. 11, 2025. <https://www.trtworld.com/article/50892981c2f6>

⁵ “CAIR calls on Nobel Prize winner to renounce support for far-right, racist and fascist parties,” Middle East Eye. Oct. 10, 2025.