

Chavez may face Socialist condemnation

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CARACAS, Venezuela -- Venezuela's political opposition says it will submit a resolution critical of President Hugo Chavez at the upcoming International Socialists conference.

The resolution will accuse Chavez of violent and anti-democratic conduct in his efforts to change the nation's constitution and take on more and more power.

The Latin American Herald Tribune said the resolution, which is to be presented later this month at the regional conference in Guatemala, could prove embarrassing for Chavez since he is the leader of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela.

Chavez and his party dominate the national legislature and have been accused of trying to intimidate the few opposition lawmakers who hold seats.

The resolution is backed by the Movement Toward Socialism and Accion Democratica parties, which are founding members of the International Socialists.

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