



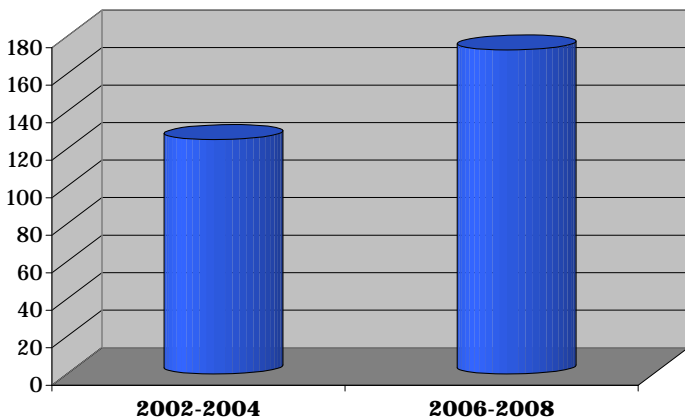
The Fight Against Drugs in 2009

“Our commitment to fighting illegal drugs is unequivocal, and we have seen impressive gains from the hard work of our law-enforcement agencies,” said Venezuelan Ambassador to the U.S., Bernardo Alvarez.

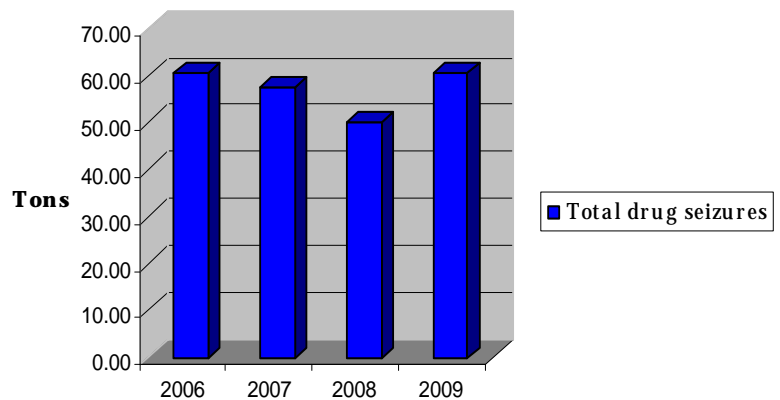
“Venezuela shares a long border with the world’s biggest producer of cocaine and a hemisphere with its biggest consumer, so fighting drug trafficking will always be a regional challenge. But with our sustain efforts in drug seizures, a comprehensive plan in place to address prevention and international cooperation agreements with 38 countries, we plan to keep making advances.”

- > Seizures of drugs increased from 54 to 60 tons – an 11 percent increase
- > \$260 million spent on radars to detect drug flights
 - > 8,727 people detained for drug crimes
 - > 26 drug laboratories destroyed
 - > 12,000 tons of precursor chemicals seized
- > 50 anti-drug international cooperation agreements with 38 countries
- > 100,000 community-based prevention advisors trained, five million by 2013

Average Drug Seizures (Tons)



Total Drugs Seizures



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For more detailed information about Venezuela’s fight against drug trafficking, please read our context paper at: <http://www.embavenez-us.org/>