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Venezuela: The political party A New Time (Un Nuevo Tiempo, UNT); the date of its creation; its leaders; its headquarters in the State of Zulia; its logo (2002-November 2004)

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A New Time (Un Nuevo Tiempo, UNT) is a leftist, regional political party (Infobae 8 Nov. 2004) that was established in the State of Zulia for the 2000 elections (*Cuadernos del Cendes* Jan. 2002). The party leader is Manuel Rosales (*Descifrado* 10 Oct. 2003), who was elected governor of Zulia for a second time on 31 October 2004 (Venezuela n.d.a; *Últimas Noticias* 12 Nov. 2004). Elected members of the party occupy various functions, including positions in the National Assembly (Asamblea Nacional) and on the Zulia State Legislative Council (Consejo Legislativo del Estado de Zulia) (Venezuela n.d.b; *ibid.* n.d.c). The UNT is also a member of the opposition coalition called the Democratic Coordination (Coordinadora Democrática, CD) (CD n.d.). According to Inter Press Service (IPS), Rosales is one of the top CD leaders (24 Sept. 2004).

No information on the exact date the party was created, the address of its headquarters, or its logo could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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