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Identical letters dated 10 April 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the **President of the Security Council** 

I have the honour to write to you further to my letter of 8 April 2019 (A/73/830-S/2019/300) concerning the coup d'état consummated on 9 April 2019 at a special meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), held to consider "the situation in Venezuela".

In that regard, I transmit herewith, for your information and related action, the communiqué issued on 9 April 2019 by the Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, rejecting the events at OAS (see

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 128 (f), and of the Security Council.

> (Signed) Samuel Moncada Ambassador Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations



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## Communiqué of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

## Venezuela denounces the violation of human rights and of the charter of OAS following the endorsement of the puppet appointed by Trump

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces before the international community and the peoples of the world the blatant and criminal violation of international law and of the charter of OAS committed at the special meeting of the Permanent Council of OAS on 9 April 2019, during which a group of Washington's satellite Governments endorsed a political puppet appointed by Donald Trump.

This is one of the most unfortunate decisions taken in the long history of legal and political outrages perpetrated by OAS, and a vulgar use of blackmail and pressure against the member States to serve Washington's neo-Monroeist policy.

By illegitimately accepting a political puppet whose spurious existence results from the violation of the legal system of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, OAS has validated the coup d'état plan initiated on 23 January and has attempted to establish conditions under which the interventionist aggression against our country, including the threat of military intervention, will be intensified.

By this decision, which plunges OAS even deeper into disrepute and illegality, the United States of America and its satellite Governments have demonstrated that they never had the necessary majority of member States to attack Venezuela and, in the end, were forced to betray all the principles of OAS.

The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela, faithful to its republican and democratic principles, to the Venezuelan Constitution and to international law, will not recognize any political emissary, regardless of the title or designation granted him or her within OAS, who has not been appointed in accordance with the Constitution, that is, by the highest representative of the national executive branch and Head of State of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, President Nicolás Maduro Moros.

In that connection, the Government of Venezuela will consider any action, decision or agreement adopted bilaterally or multilaterally by OAS with the participation of a political puppet and usurper to be null and void. The Venezuelan State shall not, therefore, be obliged to comply with any provisions adopted in conjunction with a proconsul designated by Washington, much less to compensate, in any area, a State or group of States that engages with illegitimate representatives who claim to act on behalf of the Venezuelan State, without prejudice to the bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements previously concluded by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Faced with the clear failure of the coup d'état initiated in January, the Trump Government has moved its political pawns on the continent to crush the democratic will of the member States and give a veneer of legality, as well as dubious oxygen, to the aggression against Venezuela. Washington has forced a criminal decision. It has started down a dark path that overshadows the future of relations among States on the continent.

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The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela hereby confirms its irrevocable decision to leave OAS on 27 April 2019, in accordance with the notice of denunciation transmitted two years ago and the corresponding procedures, since it cannot remain a member of an organization that bends its knee before the imperialist and supremacist interests of the United States Administration.

Caracas, birthplace of liberators, 9 April 2019

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