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Identical letters dated 1 May 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 address you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of May 2019, to refer to the isolated events that took place on 30 April 2019 in Caracas, Venezuela, which attempted to disturb the social peace and stability of the nation, and, in that regard, allow me to report the following:

(a) The constitutional Government of President Nicolás Maduro, with the support of every democratic institution of the State and Venezuela's society in general, defeated a new attempt orchestrated by foreign powers to provoke confusion and disorder in our national territory.

(b) In the early hours of 30 April 2019, a group of deputies from the National Assembly of Venezuela and a small group of low-rank military personnel, placed themselves on a bridge in the eastern part of Caracas and made a public call for a military insurrection. These calls were ignored by the Bolivarian National Armed Forces and all other forces of security and public order, including by the very initial group of military personnel stationed in that place, who have since declared that they were tricked by one of their superior officers and had no intention or willingness to participate in an insurrection.

(c) The events of 30 April 2019 were nothing more than a media operation for destabilization, which relied itself on the immediate complicity from external forces: most notably, from the President of Colombia, the President of Argentina, the President of Brazil, the President of Chile, the President of Ecuador, the President of Panama, the President of Paraguay, the Foreign Minister of Canada, United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, White House National Security Advisor John Bolton, United States Senator Marco Rubio, the President of the European Parliament and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, all of whom – in an interventionist and criminal manner – made public calls for the Venezuelan military forces to disobey their legitimate commanders and thereby promote national chaos, while in some instances even threatening the use of military force, in clear violation of international law.

(d) The constitutional Government of President Nicolás Maduro acted rapidly, with restraint, isolating the focal point of public disorder, while ensuring maximum attention to the safeguarding of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Venezuelan people, preventing the innocent majority, who have the right to live in democracy and in peace, from being affected. In this way, President Nicolás Maduro



showed once again that his Government is the fundamental guarantor of peace, as well as of the legitimate and constitutional order in Venezuela. No casualties were registered.

(e) The failed events of 30 April 2019 constituted a new attempt by foreign powers to spark a civil war in Venezuela; to open the doors to a military intervention from abroad; and to impose a puppet government in our country. It has become evident that this plan has no roots in Venezuelan society. The absolute majority of the Venezuelan people want to live in peace and want to fully and freely exercise their sovereignty, independence and right to self-determination.

(f) Following the isolation of the aforementioned focal point of public disorder, Venezuela is currently in total normality throughout its national territory. The constitutional Government of President Nicolás Maduro took all the necessary measures to guarantee the security and the right to peace of the Venezuelan people. The institutions of security and public order and of the application of justice are in charge of ensuring that the rule of law prevails in this situation that attempted, through violent means, to alter the nation's tranquillity.

In light of the above, it must be highlighted that what may have been disguised on 23 January 2019 as an attempt to bring "democracy" to the nation, following the illegal self-proclamation of a deputy of Venezuela's National Assembly as the "president" of the country, lost its veil after yesterday's events, in which that very same deputy, Mr. Juan Guaidó, led a failed attempt of coup d'état against the constitutional Government of Venezuela, in which it also became evident, once again, that he has no effective control whatsoever of the State and that the Bolivarian National Armed Forces remain loyal to both our National Constitution and to the sole and only legitimate and constitutional Head of State and Government of Venezuela, President Nicolás Maduro.

Moreover, it should also be noted that after the public calls of Mr. Juan Guaidó for sedition, which started on 23 January 2019 and attempted to be materialized yesterday, it has also become evident that he has no intention to respect the rule of law of the country and much less to convene elections, as per the provisions of the very same Article of our National Constitution that he invoked himself for his self-proclamation. Therefore, when recognizing and/or supporting Mr. Guaidó, the United States, the so-called Lima Group and the European Union – which conveniently changed its discourse yesterday from "calling for elections" to support the "legitimate democratic aspirations" of the Venezuelan people – are actually supporting the creation of the conditions for violent clashes and for a coup d'état in Venezuela.

Excellency, I cannot overemphasize the importance to reject any violent attempt promoted by foreign powers to disturb social peace and stability in Venezuela and to destroy the constitutional order of our nation. This new modality of open intervention in the domestic affairs of Venezuela flagrantly violates the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the norms of international law, while simultaneously putting at risk regional peace and security. Hence, the international community and the United Nations shall express a firm position in defence of the right to self-determination of the free peoples of the world, to their national sovereignty and to the right to peace of all nations.

Lastly, while informing you that I have sent an identical copy of this letter to the Secretary-General, I respectfully request your good offices for circulating this communication among the member States of the Security Council for their due information and that it be issued as a document of that body.

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