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Letter dated 29 April 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, with effect from 27 April 2019, the Venezuelan State has definitively ceased to be a member of the Organization of American States (OAS) and is therefore no longer subject to the related obligations.

As of that date, pursuant to the denunciation of the Charter of OAS by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on 27 April 2017 in accordance with article 143 of that Charter, no instrument signed or issued by OAS has political or legal effect on the Venezuelan State and its institutions.

In exercise of its political independence and sovereign rights, the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela has denounced before the international community the dysfunctionality of OAS, characterized by the violation of international law, the systematic infringement of the organization's founding Charter, procedural fraud, the political subordination of the administration of OAS to the interests of the Government of the United States of America, the premeditated loss of political pluralism on the American continent and the constant betrayal of such principles as the sovereignty and self-determination of the organization's member States.

Led by the United States, a group of nations has trampled on the OAS Charter, which governs relations among the countries of the region. That group has violated the organization's long-standing operating rules and practices and has imposed on it a dictatorship that infringes the rights and privileges of its 34 member States and that has permitted, promoted, facilitated and actively participated in the destabilization of democracy in Venezuela. The group that broke the rules of OAS has endorsed foreign aggression, the illegal application of unilateral coercive measures, the threat of the use of force by third States, the sabotaging and economic asphyxiation of our nation, and the seizure, confiscation and looting of the property of the Republic.

That group of States has promoted disregard for the Constitution, democratic institutions and legitimately elected authorities of Venezuela, has incited violence, chaos and civil war in our nation and has corrupted OAS to the point of making it complicit in foreign military intervention against our people.



The dictatorship imposed on OAS is a threat to regional and international peace and security, and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela therefore warns you that this warmongering group intends to take action against our nation in future, in flagrant violation of international law.

Now that the notice period for the final withdrawal from OAS has ended, the people and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela joyfully reaffirm their long-established principles regarding the destinies of the American continent and, in line with their Constitution, reiterate that their moral heritage and their values of freedom, equality, justice and international peace are based on the doctrine of Simón Bolívar.

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

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