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## **Letter dated 4 December 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 address you, pursuant to resolution [73/205](#), adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, in order to alert you to a series of threats to the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

On 10 November 2019, as is commonly known and has been reported in the media, a coup d'état took place in Bolivia, which led to the forced resignation of Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, for the constitutional period scheduled to end on 22 January 2020. Since then, the Venezuelan diplomatic premises have been besieged by violent groups that have even called, through social media, for the forced and illegal seizure of the Venezuelan mission's facilities.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the attacks and any threat against its diplomatic premises in Bolivia and wishes to reiterate that the authorities of that country, which is a receiving State, have an obligation to respect and protect the Venezuelan diplomatic premises in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I respectfully appeal to you to urge the competent Bolivian authorities to strictly observe, apply and enforce all the principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations, including those relating to the inviolability of diplomatic missions and, in particular, to ensure, in accordance with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions within their jurisdiction.

We hope that the necessary measures, including those of a preventive nature, will be adopted as a matter of urgency so that the events in question may be thoroughly investigated with a view to bringing to justice those who encourage, instigate and organize acts of violence or make public threats against the security of the premises of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in La Paz.

Lastly, I respectfully request your good offices to have the present communication circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 80.

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

