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#### **Letter dated 2 September 2020 from the Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to write to you to transmit a letter signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, Karen Longaric Rodríguez (see annex).

In the attached letter, addressed to you, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country makes a formal complaint and rejects the unacceptable actions being taken and the statements being made by the authorities of the Government of Argentina, which constitute clear interference in the internal affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, in patent violation of the principles of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

In that connection, and in view of the serious complaint contained in her letter, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 83.

*(Signed)* Rubén Darío Cuéllar Suárez  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 2 September 2020 from the Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

La Paz, 1 September 2020

I am writing in reference to the general election to be held in Bolivia on 18 October 2020, and the statements made and actions taken by the authorities of the Government of the Argentine Republic with regard to the Bolivian electoral process.

As you are aware, Argentina has provided refuge to the former President, Evo Morales, who fled Bolivia after the electoral fraud that occurred during the general election of 20 October 2019. Argentina is home to the largest Bolivian diaspora in the world, with approximately 170,000 registered Bolivian voters.

Initially, as you know, Progressive International sent a letter to the United Nations, entitled “For Democracy and Transparency in the Plurinational State of Bolivia”. On 16 August, I conveyed to you, through a diplomatic note, the official position of the Government of Bolivia regarding this disinformation campaign. However, my note did not indicate that Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta, the current Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina, had signed the letter sent by Progressive International in her official capacity as Minister.

Subsequently, on 22 August, Edgardo Depetri, the current Undersecretary of Public Works of Argentina, said the following on social media: “Together with colleagues from @EsTiempoDelgual we met with @evoespueblo. We committed ourselves to strengthening the participation of Bolivian migrants in the presidential election, so that Bolivia can once again be a free and democratic country.”

The Government of Bolivia wishes to register a formal complaint with the United Nations regarding the statements and actions of these authorities of the Government of Argentina, which, having been made in an official capacity, have revealed the bias of their Government, and the determination to influence the outcome of the election in Bolivia.

The Government of Bolivia is of the view that the statements made by these authorities of the Government of Argentina reflect a clear intention to interfere in the internal affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, in patent violation of international law and the principles of non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States. The actions of the Government of Argentina are so flagrant that they have even provoked a reaction in Argentina itself, where a group of Argentine lawmakers is pushing for a law to prohibit interference in the Bolivian electoral process.

Both the Supreme Electoral Court and the Government of Bolivia have written to the Government of Argentina to express concern about the aforementioned statements. To date, neither of the letters has been answered. In the absence of a response from the Government of Argentina, I wish to formally convey to you my Government’s concern about this open declaration of possible interference in the Bolivian electoral process.

The Government of Bolivia must ensure the rights of Bolivians living abroad, including the right to vote freely; however, the interference of Argentine government officials calls into question the transparency of the Bolivian election in Argentina.

I thank you for your attention to this worrying situation and kindly request the circulation of the present letter to the delegations of the States members of the United Nations.

*(Signed)* Karen **Longaric Rodriguez**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs