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Identical letters dated 3 January 2026 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 am writing to you to denounce the armed aggression perpetrated by the United States of America against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which constitutes a matter with serious implications for regional and international peace and security.

In the early hours of 3 January 2026, United States military forces carried out a series of brutal, unjustified and unilateral armed attacks consisting of the bombing of civilian and military locations in the city of Caracas, capital of the Republic, and other cities in the States of Miranda, Aragua and La Guaira. In addition, United States special forces are carrying out attacks in various parts of the country using helicopters and aircraft.

This flagrant act of aggression, premeditated, acknowledged and publicized by the Government of the United States of America, as had been warned by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, flagrantly violates the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, which establishes that "All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the



threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations”.

The deadly and treacherous military attack by the United States is being carried out against a country that is at peace. This criminal and unjustified attack is unprecedented in more than 200 years of our republican history, with the painful and repulsive exception of the attacks perpetrated by the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy against the Venezuelan coasts in 1902.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has never broken with its tradition of international peace but, with this despicable attack, the United States of America has confirmed its status as the greatest international aggressor in our region over the last two centuries.

What began more than four months ago as a police fantasy is now showing its true colours: this is a colonial war to destroy our republican form of government, freely chosen by our people, and impose a puppet government that will allow the plundering of our natural resources, including the world’s largest oil reserves.

The United States of America always uses lies to fabricate wars. It is an international tyranny imposed through the propaganda of death, as the recent past confirms.

In the light of these circumstances, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reserves its inherent right to self-defence, pursuant to Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, in order to protect its population, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In view of the foregoing, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has requested that, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council:

1. Urgently convene an emergency meeting to discuss the acts of aggression perpetrated by the United States of America against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
2. Condemn the aggression of the United States of America against the people and Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
3. Request the cessation of armed attacks by the United States of America against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
4. Establish the appropriate measures to hold the Government of the United States of America accountable for the crimes of aggression committed against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Lastly, I respectfully request that this communication be duly brought to the attention of the States Members of the General Assembly and issued as a document of that body under agenda items 14, 31, 70, 76, 81, 83, 84, 107 and 109.

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