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INTERNATIONAL LAW RELATING TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER

Letter dated 2 August 1983 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the text of the Declaration made by the Heads of States of the Bolivarian republics and His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain, at Caracas, Venezuela, on 24 July 1983 on the occasion of the Bicentennial of the birth of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this Declaration to be distributed as a document of the General Assembly under items 21, 40, 87 and 122 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Elena CORONEL DE RODRIGUEZ
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ANNEX

Declaration of the Heads of State of the Bolivarian
Republics of His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain,
on the occasion of the Bicentennial of the birth of
Simón Bolívar, the Liberator

Caracas, 24 July 1983

The Presidents of the Bolivarian republics of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Panama and His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain, meeting at Caracas on 24 July 1983 to pay tribute to Simón Bolívar the Liberator, father of Latin American liberty, on the occasion of the celebration of the Bicentennial of his birth, have agreed to make the following:

DECLARATION

The presence of the Heads of State of the Bolivarian countries and of the King of Spain on this extremely important date testifies to the profound and matchless symbolism of the historical re-encounter between the immortal Spain that extended its dominions to the New World, leaving the indelible mark of its faith and culture and the intermingling of blood and race, and the Latin American countries that, through the genius and the sword of Simón Bolívar, achieved the enlightenment of independence and freedom.

This historic date is being commemorated at a time when democracy happily prevails as a political system in both the Bolivarian countries and Spain, serving as an indissoluble link between their peoples, tireless fighters in the cause of freedom and for their pledge to demonstrate their commitment to peace and social justice as responsible members of the international community.

The Liberator's achievements in the cause of freedom, peace, democracy and justice transcend the country of his birth, the countries that he liberated and even the land of his forefathers whose noble and illustrious sap bore fruit on Latin American soil.

The historical heritage and moral example of the Liberator continue to enlighten the world and to show the way. This is demonstrated by UNESCO's decision to grant the Simón Bolívar prize to King Juan Carlos I and to South African patriot Nelson Mandela, the former as a source of inspiration for the institution and development of democracy in Spain and the latter as the purest example of the fight against the infamy of racism, through the sacrifice and martyrdom of his struggle in South Africa.

The re-encounter between Latin America and Spain at this moment in history, united in their homage to Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, and their consistency with and loyalty to their common spiritual and cultural ties are the best augury for the commemoration, in 1992, of the quincentenary of the arrival of the caravels led by the great admiral Christopher Colombus and of the birth of a new era for mankind on a continent where, in spite of the difficulties, the best conditions are reproduced in abundance for understanding, solidarity and peace among men.

This seemed a fitting occasion to extol the virtues of the social and cultural intermingling of Latin America and to affirm the willingness and commitment of these countries, in unity and unanimity, to multiply and consolidate the links of brotherhood and co-operation among all Spanish-speaking nations and communities the world over.

The Heads of State of the Bolivarian countries and King Juan Carlos I firmly reiterate their nations' readiness to pursue and intensify their efforts in favour of world peace, the new international order and international social justice, solidarity among peoples, democracy and freedom, as the most valuable and lasting tribute to Simón Bolívar, the Liberator.

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FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY
President of the Republic of Peru

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President of the Republic of Bolivia

JUAN CARLOS I
King of Spain

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Republic of Panama
