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Letter dated 6 July 1989 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 herewith the text of the message issued by the First Lady of the Republic of Venezuela, Mrs. Blanca Rodríguez de Pérez, on the occasion of the observance on 26 June 1989 of the "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking".

In transmitting this message to you, I should like to request that the text thereof be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 112 of the preliminary list.

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Message issued by the First Lady of Venezuela,
Blanca Rodríguez de Pérez, on the International
Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

I wish to associate myself with the spirit of the resolution of the forty-second session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in which it was decided, in 1987, to observe 26 June each year as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Aware of the detrimental effects for mankind of drug use and illicit drug trafficking, which not only cause the disintegration of the family but can also constitute a threat to world peace, I appeal to mothers, to fathers, to teachers, to political leaders and to all people in Venezuela and throughout the world to combine forces to combat this social tragedy.

We must all strive to achieve this common objective, since it is a common problem for all, without distinction as to race or religion. We must demonstrate the benefits for society in general of punitive measures successfully applied to traffickers and their accomplices, since this prevents drugs from entering the market, while at the same time we must wage information campaigns to show young people the detrimental effects of drug use and make parents understand that the need most often expressed by children is to be listened to by their parents.

Let us help our children to grow up happy, healthy and productive. We will do so by treating them with affection and devotion.
