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Letter dated 18 October 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith a written statement from the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations (see annex) in exercise of the right of reply to the letter sent to you on 26 September 2013 by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chile and circulated on 8 October 2013 ([A/68/510](#)).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) **Sacha Llorentty Soliz**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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The Plurinational State of Bolivia rejects outright the terms in which the Republic of Chile referred to the statement made by President Evo Morales at the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Bolivia reaffirms that there is an unresolved dispute between Chile and Bolivia owing to the landlocked status to which the Bolivian people were, and continue to be, subjected, and that the unfair, imposed and unfulfilled Treaty of 1904 failed to make amends for the outrage of an asymmetrical invasion without parallel in world history. Bolivia also reaffirms the existence of contradictions on Chile's part with respect to this matter.

If there were no pending territorial issues between Chile and Bolivia, the United Nations, the Organization of American States (OAS) and other members of the international community would not be recurrent witnesses to Bolivia's claim, nor would OAS have found it necessary to assert that: "it is of continuing hemispheric interest that an equitable solution be found whereby Bolivia will obtain appropriate sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean" (AG/RES 426 (IX-0/79)).

The Plurinational State of Bolivia finds it regrettable that the Republic of Chile should refer so infelicitously to the application filed with the principal judicial organ of the United Nations system. That action deserved to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly as an expression of the use of international law and the promotion of peaceful procedures for settling disputes. Disputes are not settled by the invasion of territory or the abusive disregard for boundary treaties and the territorial integrity and sovereignty of neighbouring States, as occurred in the past.

Bolivia rejects the content and tone of the annex to the letter from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly on 26 September 2013. The Bolivian demand is not an act of confrontation with the people of Chile; rather, it is a commitment to the best avenue available to two nations to resolve their differences: law and justice. These values are not foreign to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The mistaken assertion that the matter is a strictly bilateral one cannot consolidate unjust actions or treaties, the product of colonialism or the expansionist claims of foreign interests. Law and justice, however, seek to restore a shared belief in equity and constructive, practical and effective consensus between our countries and in the region and the world.