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### Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

#### Letter dated 1 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you with regard to the letter dated 11 January 2019, signed by Mr. Jorge Arreaza ([A/73/708](#)), concerning the events that took place on 10 January 2019 in the vicinity of the Embassy of Venezuela in Peru.

In that connection, the Government of Peru wishes to affirm its full respect for international law, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and, in particular, its duty, as the receiving State, to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission of a sending State against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity.

On 10 January, the date on which Nicolás Maduro took office in Venezuela under his illegitimate presidential mandate, protests took place in major cities in many countries. In Peru, which hosts nearly 700,000 Venezuelan citizens, demonstrations also took place, in particular in the vicinity of the Embassy of Venezuela in Lima.

On that occasion, the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Venezuela, Reinaldo Segovia, contacted the Deputy Foreign Minister to seek increased police protection for the premises of the Embassy. The relevant authorities of the Ministry of the Interior of Peru were immediately approached, and enhanced police security was made available as of that date. This was made public and was welcomed by Mr. Segovia.

According to information from the Ministry of the Interior of Peru, the enhanced police protection consists of the provision of police services to maintain law and order at the Embassy of Venezuela, with eight crowd control officers to ensure that normal diplomatic activities can be carried out. In addition, arrangements were made for increased motorized patrol services (mobile surveillance) in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy and in the surrounding area, with one patrol vehicle and two officers from the local police station, in order to prevent breaches of the peace and/or damage to private property. These services are independent of the police services provided by the Embassy Protection Division on a permanent basis at the Embassy of Venezuela, consisting of two police officers per shift.



In addition, it should be noted that on 10 January the National Police of Peru apprehended two individuals, who were handed over to the Public Prosecutor's Office on suspicion of committing a breach of the peace (offence against the Peruvian State).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 84.

*(Signed)* Gustavo **Meza-Cuadra**  
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Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations

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