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

**Note verbale dated 11 January 2019 from the Permanent Mission  
of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 January 2019 from the Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jorge Arreaza Montserrat, addressed to the Secretary-General (see annex).

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations respectfully requests the circulation of the present note and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 84.



**Annex to the note verbale dated 11 January 2019 from the  
Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

[Original: Spanish]  
[Caracas, 11 January 2019]

I have the honour to write to you in order to bring to your attention, pursuant to the provisions of resolution 73/205, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, a regrettable incident that took place on 10 January 2019 in the vicinity of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Lima, Republic of Peru.

As you are aware, the State ceremony for the inauguration of His Excellency Nicolás Maduro Moros as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the constitutional period 2019–2025 took place on that date, in the city of Caracas, following his re-election by the sovereign will of the Venezuelan people on 20 May 2018.

In response to the solemn official occasion, a demonstration was organized through social media networks to protest in the vicinity of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Republic of Peru, in Lima. As a result of that demonstration, violent groups besieged the Venezuelan diplomatic mission and staff present on-site, tore down the gates and stormed onto the premises. Fortunately, the diplomatic and local staff working at the Venezuelan mission at that time managed to take refuge, preventing the loss of human life.

In that regard, the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has strongly condemned such attacks, and it holds the Government of the Republic of Peru responsible for any impact on the physical integrity of the diplomatic and local personnel attached to the Venezuelan Embassy in Lima, whose protection and security must be assured at all times by the authorities of Peru as the receiving State and by virtue of its obligations as a signatory to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela calls upon the Peruvian authorities to strictly observe, implement and enforce all the principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations, including those relating to the inviolability of diplomatic premises, and, in particular, to ensure, in conformity with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions under their jurisdiction. It is hoped that the necessary measures, including preventive measures, will be taken to investigate fully the events in question with a view to bringing to justice those who encouraged, instigated, organized or engaged in the perpetration of the violent acts against the security and safety of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Lima and that of its staff.

Lastly, I respectfully request your good offices to have this communication circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 84, entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Jorge Arreaza  
Minister