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Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations

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Sir,

I have the honour to address you, pursuant to paragraph 11(a) of resolution 73/205, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, to denounce the attack against the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Bogotá in Colombia.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the acts of vandalism and looting that occurred at its diplomatic premises in Colombia and wishes to reiterate that the authorities of that country, which is a receiving State, have an obligation to respect and protect Venezuelan diplomatic premises, together with their property and archives, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, despite the breaking-off of diplomatic relations, as indicated in article 45 of the latter convention.

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I respectfully appeal to you to urge the competent Colombian authorities to strictly observe, apply 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 accordance with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions within their jurisdiction.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela calls on the Government of Colombia to urgently adopt the measures necessary, including preventive measures, to have the facts in question thoroughly investigated with a view to bringing to justice those who encouraged, instigated, organized or perpetrated those criminal acts against the premises of the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the city of Bogota.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General
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I therefore respectfully request your good offices to implement the procedure provided for in paragraph 12 (b) of General Assembly resolution 73/205, entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, and to have this communication brought to the attention of both the party concerned and all States Members of the Organization for their information and related action.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Samuel **Moncada**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations
