

Translated from Spanish

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

No. 00120

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Sir,

I have the honour to write to you, pursuant to paragraph 11 (a) of resolution 75/139, adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 2020, in order to bring to your attention a new series of reprehensible attacks against the premises of the Consulate of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Bogotá, Colombia.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, 18 April 2022, the diplomatic premises in question were once again vandalized and, on this occasion, even set on fire, demonstrating that they continue to lack the safety, security and protection that the receiving State must ensure in accordance with its international obligations, in particular those arising from the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

In keeping with its letter of 27 July 2020, in response to a similar incident where the very same diplomatic premises had been vilely looted, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically rejects and denounces to the international community this new attack, which joins a long list of hostile and unfriendly acts perpetrated by the Government of Colombia. In this case, it deliberately failed in its obligation to ensure the security and protection of all diplomatic premises in its territory, including Venezuelan diplomatic premises, regardless of the current status of diplomatic relations and including in the event of the severance of diplomatic ties, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the aforementioned Conventions.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I respectfully appeal to you to urge the 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 events in question thoroughly investigated with a view to bringing to justice those who encouraged, instigated, organized or perpetrated these violent acts against the premises of the Consulate of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Bogotá.

I therefore respectfully request your good offices to implement the procedure provided for in paragraphs 12 (b) and 12 (c) of General Assembly resolution 75/139, 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, Permanent Representative of the
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations
