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Bolivarian Government of Venezuela

Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs

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

No. 00050

New York, 21 February 2021

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 denounce a regrettable incident that took place on 20 February 2021 in the vicinity of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Lima, Republic of Peru.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly condemns and rejects the latest acts of violence perpetrated against the integrity of its diplomatic mission in Peru, during which the Peruvian security forces stood idly by and took no action, in flagrant violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Moreover, this is not the first time that the Venezuelan mission and its officials have come under siege; there have been similar episodes in the past, as was reported on 11 January 2019 (A/73/708).

In attempting to tear down the gates and storm the Venezuelan premises, violent groups caused material damage, as shown in the attached images. Fortunately, once again, the diplomatic and local staff working at the Venezuelan mission managed to take refuge, thus preventing the loss of human life.

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 competent Peruvian 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 missions 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 Peru 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 Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Lima.

I therefore respectfully request your good offices to implement the procedure provided for in paragraph 12 (b) 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
