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Bolivarian Government of Venezuela

Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs

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

No. 00449

New York, 29 July 2024

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you pursuant to paragraph 11 (a) of General Assembly resolution 77/108, adopted on 7 December 2022, to report that the premises of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the city of Buenos Aires have been under siege.

As has been widely reported on social networks, yesterday, 28 July 2024, the Venezuelan diplomatic headquarters was besieged by a mob, spurred on by high-ranking members of the Government of Argentina, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, H.E. Ms. Diana Mondino, the Minister of Security, H.E. Ms. Patricia Bullrich, and the Minister of Defence, H.E. Mr. Luis Petri, in flagrant violation of their obligations, in particular those arising from the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to safeguard and protect diplomatic headquarters within their jurisdiction.

The events in question occurred on the same date on which the electoral process to elect the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for the constitutional period 2025–2030 was taking place, including within the Venezuelan diplomatic headquarters, and in which more than 2,500 Venezuelan citizens residing in Argentina were entitled to exercise their right to vote.

Far from safeguarding and protecting the Venezuelan diplomatic headquarters and its staff in Buenos Aires, in an act of provocation, the local authorities of the receiving State authorized the convening of a “gastronomic day for Venezuelan migrants” near the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Argentine Republic, which resulted in acts of violence, including against the personnel of the Argentine media outlet C5N.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres

Secretary-General of the United Nations

New York

In the light of the foregoing, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela categorically rejects and denounces before the international community this incident, which joins the list of hostile and unfriendly acts perpetrated by the Government of Argentina against the Venezuelan State. This time, it deliberately failed in its obligation to ensure adequate security and protection of all diplomatic premises in its territory, including Venezuelan diplomatic premises, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the aforementioned Conventions, thereby endangering the physical safety of Venezuelan diplomatic officials and local embassy personnel.

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I respectfully appeal to you to urge the authorities of Argentina 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 and security of the missions within their jurisdiction. We also hope that the Government of Argentina will urgently take all necessary measures, including those of a preventive nature, to ensure that the events in question are fully investigated.

I therefore respectfully request your good offices to implement the procedure provided for in paragraphs 12 (b) and 12 (c) of General Assembly resolution 77/108, 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.

**Joaquín A. Pérez Ayestarán**

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative,  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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