

Forum: Security Council

Question of: Venezuela - Tackling a humanitarian, economic and political crisis

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1 The Security Council,

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3 *Realizing* that Article 34 of the United Nations Charter applies, since it declares that “the Security Council may investigate any dispute, or any situation which might lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute, in order to determine whether the continuance of the dispute or situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security”,

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8 *Realizing* that in the recent past some countries of the United Nations Security Council have adopted a political tone which stresses only vested interests and is above all threatening the international diplomacy, peace and coexistence of the different people,

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12 *Alarmed* by the international concerns over the humanitarian situation in Venezuela, which caused the displacement of thousands of people to the neighboring countries,

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15 *Pointing out* Article 20 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which guarantees freedom of assembly and association and highlights that no one may be compelled to belong to an association,

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19 *Further pointing out* Article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which stresses that everyone shall take part in the government of his country by freely elected representatives and above all the “will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by an anonymized vote or by equivalent free voting procedures” (GA/RES217/1948),

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26 *Aware* of the Decisions made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), which guarantee among others, the right to access food and health, two rights which are in close relation to any sanctions against countries of high importance,

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30 *Fully aware* of the deeply concerning fact, that not only due to the high inflation, the rising of unbearable costs of daily needs, the lack of medication, social benefits and the missing ability to purchase basic goods, but also because of political tracking, thousands of Venezuelans have to flee, seeking refuge in Latin America and also Spain and the United States of America,

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36 *Guided* by the principles of the Charter of the United Nation and its values,

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38 *Recalling* the resolution passed in the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on January 20, 2019 (CP/RES. 1117) and the resolution passed in the General Assembly of the Organization of American States on June 5, 2018 (AG/RES. 2929),

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42 *Expressing* deep concern about the fatal political and economic situation in the Republic of
43 Venezuela, which led to a humanitarian disaster that has forced approximately two million
44 people to leave the country,

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46 *Bearing* in mind the immense need of medical, financial and emergency relief for the Vene-
47 zuelan people and the neighboring countries of Venezuela,

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49 *Deeply disturbed* about the use of brute force as well as the persecution of innocent people,
50 committed by the Maduro regime, targeting political and ethnical minority groups such as
51 members of the opposition, peaceful and unarmed protesters and journalists,

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53 *Expressing* deep concern about the violation of human rights by the Maduro regime and
54 about the existence of corrupt practices, which hinder the restoration of the rule of law and
55 the beneficial use of the oil reserves,

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57 *Noting* the importance of reaching political accord between the stakeholders in government
58 and opposition to restore democratic governance through a credible negotiation process,

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60 *Expressing* its approval regarding the conversations between the opposition and the gov-
61 ernment in Oslo on May 30, 2019 and the continuation of those talks in Stockholm on June
62 14, 2019,

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64 *Rejecting* the claim of the Maduro regime, that it gained democratic legitimacy through the
65 presidential elections of May 20, 2018, and noting further that the National Assembly's con-
66 stitutional authority is legitimized through a democratic election,

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68 1. **Calls** all parties concerned, named in the second, third and fourth clauses, to take the
69 necessary measures to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches those in need;

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71 2. **Authorizes** the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
72 (OCHA) to discuss and enact possible and necessary measures to establish a stable
73 supply of food and medical goods in Venezuela;

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75 3. **Further authorizes** the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and
76 the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to enforce any action, which is in ac-
77 cordance with the domestic statues and would improve the situation of Venezuelan
78 fugitives;

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80 4. **Urges** the Venezuelan government to accept the necessary, widely supported and
81 legitimate humanitarian emergency relief by:

82 a. the United Nations Aid Agencies, which follow international protocols such as
83 but not limited to:

84 i. the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
85 (OCHA),

86 ii. the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),

87 iii. and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF),

88 b. such Non-Governmental-Organizations, which have a United Nations man-
89 date to serve as a guarantor for human rights, as for example the red cross;

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- 91 5. **Expresses** that the crisis in Venezuela requires all relevant actors to give priority to
92 the national interest, over personal or party interests, and to commit to a comprehen-
93 sive political dialogue to address the current crisis;
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- 95 6. **Recommends** the Venezuelan government to:
96 a. accept help from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
97 as well as the World Bank Group (WBG) under the UNs monitor and with rou-
98 tinely sent progress reports to create structures to alleviate the poverty situa-
99 tion by creating poverty reduction strategy Papers (PRSPs) with Annual Pro-
100 gress Reports (APRs) to solve the problem in ways such as but not limited to:
101 i. specific policies, including macroeconomic and financial policies that
102 would be pursued in the context of the strategy,
103 ii. the launch date and timeframe for implementation, to ensure that the
104 strategy underlying IMF-supported programs is current,
105 iii. encouraged participatory process,
106 iv. existing poverty situation and trends,
107 v. factors influencing poverty, including bottlenecks of poverty reduction,
108 vi. a fiscal and debt framework, with the view of prioritizing development
109 spending needs based on a realistic assessment of fiscal space,
110 vii. spending effectiveness such as focusing on how well money is spent
111 on poverty,
112 viii. safety nets and risk mitigations,
113 b. accept financial aid by the aforementioned organizations, which will be distrib-
114 uted by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP);
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- 116 7. **Acknowledges** the international recognized principles and provisions of the United
117 Nations Charter, including especially Article 2IV and those relating to the protection of
118 the sovereignty of the United Nations member states and non-interference in their
119 domestic affairs as long as there are no crimes against humanity committed by the
120 government of the country, to be important guidelines for possible strategies to solve
121 and enhance the situation in Venezuela;
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- 123 8. **Strongly condemns** any offensive military action in Venezuela by a foreign power
124 which would violate the, in this resolution highlighted, international principles, among
125 them the territorial integrity or political independence of any state;
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- 127 9. **Urges** therefore all parties to exercise restraint, reduce tension, renounce violence
128 and make every effort to prevent further violence;
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- 130 10. **Urges** the members of the United Nations to establish the “United Nations Interna-
131 tional Court and an investigative branch for Investigating crimes and violence in Ven-
132 ezuela” (UNICICVV), which:
133 a. exists as long as the United Nations Security Council extends its mandate,
134 b. serves as a United Nations Organ and is subject to the framework of the In-
135 ternational Court of Justice,
136 c. judges, prosecutors and employees are chosen by all member states of the
137 United Nations, apart from Venezuela in order to secure the neutrality of the
138 Court;
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- 140 11. **Urges** UNICICVV to investigate crimes or incidents which might emphasize a crime
141 in Venezuela and are of international importance violating fundamental human rights,
142 which might be committed by either the Venezuelan military, members of the official

143 Venezuelan government, any opposition party in Venezuela, and supposes disabled
144 sanctions against the offenders or, in case of greater political crimes or tactical
145 scheming or similar by Venezuelan authorities, the international community to decide
146 about measures also on Venezuelan territory (and against Article 2 IV) in order to
147 guarantying the basic human rights of the Venezuelan people;
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149 **12. Proposing** the arrangement and enforcement of an extensive and transparent com-
150 munication strategy which provides a negotiated, non-violent and believable solution
151 to the crisis of Venezuela;
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153 **13. Strongly recommends** a free, fair and transparent election in Venezuela, which
154 takes place after establishing a contact group, with the example of the Middle East
155 Quartet and the Contact Group on former Yugoslavia, aimed at implementing statues
156 on credible negotiations, in mind, being held after an investigation of the UNICICVV,
157 supervised by a different international observance committee, taking place under the
158 condition that the newly elected government is obliged to grant access, limited to 10
159 percent each year, to the oil production of their country to the Russian Federation and
160 China, which is limited to 10 years, grants an interest rate of one billion US dollars a
161 year and splits the profit two thirds in favor of the Russian Federation and one third in
162 favor of China;
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164 **14. Strongly urges** to restore a democratic governance by implementing a newly elected
165 administration by a transparent election, which:
166 a. is supported by peaceful and credible initiatives giving rise to free and fair
167 presidential elections,
168 b. should be in charge of an international observation committee,
169 c. will be, if necessary, protected by a peacekeeping mission in conformity with
170 Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;
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172 **15. Further recommends** the development of a socioeconomic agenda which ensures
173 the maintenance of peace, communication and economic development and takes the
174 economic recovery plan into consideration, working out an updated version and
175 therefore trying to control the drop in production of PDVSA, enabling foreign and na-
176 tional investment and reestablishing a functioning economy;
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178 **16. Supports** the National Assembly, and is aware of the disputes within the opposition;
179 hoping that they will be resolved in order to avoid further problems;
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181 **17. Stresses** the necessity of the prevention of human rights violations and of the protec-
182 tion of those who are persecuted and the opposition;
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184 **18. Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.