

Annex

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PRESIDENT OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

Caracas, 12 February 2020

The Honourable
Mrs. FATOU BENSOUDA
Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
The Hague, The Netherlands

Pursuant to Article 14(1) of the Statute of the International Criminal Court, I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to inform you of facts which, taken together, constitute crimes against humanity committed against the Venezuelan people as a result of the application of unlawful coercive measures adopted unilaterally by the government of the United States of America against Venezuela since at least 2014.

Your Excellency, driven by my inalienable historic responsibility to defend the dignity and integrity of the Venezuelan people, I would also ask you to initiate an investigation into this serious situation, which has caused widespread suffering to, and victimisation of, the Venezuelan people, with a view to determining whether one or more persons should be charged with the commission of such crimes.

Please find attached to this letter a document detailing some of the circumstances underlying this referral, without prejudice to any additional information that may become known to the Office of the Prosecutor.

Your Excellency, in the hope that the Office of the Prosecutor will see fit to give consideration to this communication, may I take the opportunity to reiterate that the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is entirely at your disposal to provide any additional information that may be required in order to begin the requested investigation, as well as any relevant new information.

We peoples of the world who have suffered abusive punitive measures in disregard of international law are aware that justice is the means to ensure that human rights prevail. It is in that conviction that we bring this action before the honourable International Criminal Court.



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