

People's Power Minister for  
Foreign Relations  
of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela  
DM N° 000184

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you on the occasion of one of the agreements of the national dialogue process, reached by the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela and the Venezuelan opposition at the second plenary meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, this year.

One of the topics declared to be of unanimous national consensus by the dialogue table being held in Venezuela, with the accompaniment of UNASUR, former presidents José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Martín Torrijos and Leonel Fernández, and the Special Envoy of Pope Francisco, is the treatment of the territorial dispute over the Venezuelan *Guayana Esequiba*.

I would like to refer textually to the national position contained in the agreement, for the defense of the legitimate and inalienable rights over *Guyana Esequiba* and in defense of the Geneva Agreement of 1966, which reads:

**"3. Within the framework of national sovereignty and in defense of territorial integrity, we agree on our unanimous position in defense of the legitimate and inalienable rights of Venezuela regarding the *Esequibo* and in defense of the Geneva Agreement of 1966, the legal instrument in force between the parties that settles this territorial dispute."**

His Excellency Mr.  
**Antonio Guterres**  
**Secretary-General Designated**  
**United Nations (UN)**  
New York.-

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This type of unanimity of the political forces of Venezuela expresses that, despite their political and ideological differences, the clamor of the Venezuelan people for the solution of the territorial dispute on *Esequibo*, must be practical, friendly and mutually beneficial to both parties, as expressly provided in the legal instrument that settles this dispute. For Venezuela it is the only way forward.

Dear Secretary-General Designate, we are aware of your interest in conflict prevention, and in the interest of world peace and stability. We would be very grateful to know in your future management this sensitive territorial controversy between two neighboring countries of the Caribbean and South American region, to prevent today what tomorrow could mean an undesirable conflict in our Region. We have expressly requested this from Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to you my assurance of high esteem and consideration.

**Delcy Rodríguez**  
**Minister**

Annex: Joint Declaration "Living Together in Peace"