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1. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly rejects the decision made by the Government of Canada that intends to impose unilateral coercive measures against high-ranking officials of the Venezuelan State, including the Constitutional President of our country, Nicolás Maduro Moros, in open violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, the international law and the rules which ought to govern the friendly and cooperative relations between the States.

2. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces before the international community such hostile and unfriendly measures of the Canadian regime against our country, which, besides, lessen the principle of due process and the right to defence. They are punitive actions by a regime that is absolutely and shamefully subordinated to the interests of the U.S. empire, which are aimed at ousting the constitutional government of Venezuela.

3. The purpose of this aggression is to undermine peace and social stability in Venezuela as it attempts to sink the country back once again into a spiral of chaos which has been overcome and that only may bring about pain and suffering to the Venezuelan people. With its actions, the Canadian regime -one of the conspirers of the self-proclaimed Group of Lima-



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continues to support the violence unleashed by extremist groups that are protected and defended by such regime, even in international fora.

4. In reaffirming its independence and sovereignty, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela denounces the fake progressive discourse of the Canadian regime and urges it, in turn, to stop its interventionist, unfriendly and hostile behaviour and to fully respect the rules of the international law. We reiterate that the People and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela shall not yield to threats, blackmail, sanctions or aggressions if what is at stake is the defence of our sovereignty and independence.

Caracas, November 4th, 2017