



Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

# Communiqué

The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela conveys its most heartfelt condolences to the sisterly Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Iraq and expresses its profound grief for the tragic human and material losses resulted from the major earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale that particularly struck the border area between both nations on November 12th, leaving a toll of, at least, 350 dead, over 6,000 injured, and 70,000 people who lost their homes after such unfortunate event.

The Bolivarian people expresses its solidarity with the families and relatives of the fatal victims and conveys them words of comfort and encouragement, as well as sincerely hopes for the prompt recovery of the injured and the early and effective finding of survivors.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in honouring its existing relations of brotherhood and cooperation with the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq, conveys them a fraternal message of solidarity and reaffirms its support to the peoples and governments of Iran and Iraq in this difficult moment. Likewise, it hopes for the prompt recovery of the areas impacted by the quake.

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