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**HE Nicolás Maduro Moros**  
**President**  
**Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

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**Subject: Congratulations on Your Election**

Dear President Maduro,

Following your re-election on May 20, 2018 to a second term as President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I write to congratulate you on behalf of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum, (GECF).

Coming at a time when Venezuela, like many other countries in all regions of the world is undergoing changes in the face of many challenges and opportunities, your re-election is an affirmation of the confidence Venezuelans have in your leadership capabilities and their unwavering trust in your ability to lead them to economic prosperity.

Excellency, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is not only a founding member of the GECF, it has also continued to contribute to, and support the Forum's activities as it works toward fulfilling the objective of supporting the sovereign rights of our Member Countries over their natural gas resources and as well, their abilities to develop and use such resources for the benefit of their peoples. I am confident that under your continued leadership, your esteemed country and the GECF will remain close partners deeply committed to the realization of these objectives.

While assuring you of the Secretariat's assistance and support, I ask that you accept my sincere wishes for the success of your administration, for the well-being of yourself and your family and for the peace and prosperity of the Venezuelan people.

Once again, Excellency, please accept my congratulations as I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

Sincerely yours,



**Yury P. Sentyurin, Ph.D.**  
**Secretary General**