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## STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION FOR THE ATTACKED AGAINST THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA – H.E. NICOLAS MADURO

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines expresses it strong condemnation of the assassination attempt on the life of H.E Nicolas Maduro, the duly elected President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in Caracas, on Saturday August 4 2018 during the special event to commemorate the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Bolivarian National Guard.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines considers this senseless terrorist act totally unacceptable and denounces any attempt by forces internal or external of Venezuela, to undermine the legitimate government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. As such, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines reaffirms its commitment against terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations, including its financing.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines stands in solidarity with the Government and People of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the defense of its sovereignty. Further, we reiterate our call for the upholding of principles of non-interference and non-intervention into the internal affairs of states.

The Government and People of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines also express their profound sympathy to those who were injured or affected in any way by this dastardly act. We trust that a full and speedy investigation will reveal the culprit and that they will be brought to justice.

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