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Letter dated 21 March 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you in order to bring to your attention, pursuant to resolution [73/205](#), adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 2018, a series of reprehensible incidents that have taken place at diplomatic missions of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the United States of America.

On 19 March 2019, at the same time, two buildings belonging to the military attaché of the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the United States of America, as well as the office of the Consulate General of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in New York, were attacked and taken over by force by a group of persons illegally designated by an authority other than the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as supposed diplomatic representatives of the Venezuelan Government. In both incidents, it should be noted that the perpetrators had the protection and support of representatives of the Department of State of the United States of America.

In this regard, the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has strongly rejected the actions of the Government of the United States of America, which has the obligation, as a receiving State, to respect and protect Venezuelan diplomatic missions, even in the event of the severance of relations, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, I respectfully appeal to you to urge the United States authorities to strictly observe, apply and enforce all the principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations, including those relating to the inviolability of diplomatic missions and, in particular, to ensure, in accordance with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions within their jurisdiction, and to take the necessary measures to reverse immediately the forced occupation of the Venezuelan diplomatic missions within their territory.



Lastly, I respectfully request your good offices to have this communication circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 84.

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Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations
