



His Excellency Mr. Jair Bolsonaro
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Dear Mr. President,

The Western Hemisphere is threatened by the current conflict in Venezuela. The Venezuelan people are not facing just another dictatorship. This is an unconventional, transnational conflict operated by criminal interest groups, threatening peace and security in the region.

This conflict has resulted in a complex humanitarian crisis that threatens millions of Venezuelan citizens. Their scarce survival options have resulted in exponential waves of migration. Brazil can certainly attest to this! Meanwhile, in the Southern Venezuelan region, near the border between our two countries, irregular groups have concentrated and carry out their activities, crossing the border back and forth. Such groups include the Colombian guerilla, Hamas and Hezbollah.

The world no longer has any doubts: Far from protecting the people from unnecessary suffering and death, the Maduro regime is responsible for a systematic attack against Venezuelans. Therefore, those of us who are aware of the seriousness and risk of this conflict, understand the urgent need to raise our voice before the Federative Republic of Brazil, regarding the need to implement the international principle of **Responsibility to Protect (A / RES / 60/1, paragraph 139, UN)**. The R2P is applicable in view of the ever-growing presence of crimes against humanity and threats to the people. To this day, at least seven crimes typified in the Rome Statute (OAS, 2018), have been ratified in Venezuela.

This international principle is similarly supported by the Venezuelan legal framework: Venezuelan Constitution, Article 187, number 11, concerning the powers of the National Assembly. Already, a group of Venezuelans have asked the National Assembly to request the entrance of a **humanitarian-military peace mission into the country**.

Said mission would facilitate not only the effective assistance to the Venezuelan population, but also the definitive change of regime which would allow the eviction of the mafias and protection of Venezuelans against crimes and tortures unleashed by the tyranny of Nicolás Maduro.

The Venezuelan people can no longer be alone in stopping the conflict overflowing its borders. We need Brazil and those democratic countries willing to protect and preserve the Western Hemisphere from mafias and criminal interest groups. Therefore, we ask you to raise this request before the corresponding international bodies and proceed to protect Venezuelans from the criminal state that subjugates them.

Respectfully,

Signature

Printed Name

Date