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Excellencies,

I thank you for your two letters dated 23 May 2016, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, respectively.

The High Commissioner has addressed the issue raised in your letters both publicly and in bilateral meetings on several occasions. For example, on 12 November 2015, during the visit of President Nicolas Maduro to the Human Rights Council, the High Commissioner recorded a video message reiterating concerns that he had also expressed in the past. He has also specifically addressed the lack of notification of the state of emergency to other States Parties, as stipulated under article 4.3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I would also like to assure you that our Office and particularly our Regional Representative for South America, Mr. Amerigo Incalcaterra, stand fully ready to assist Venezuela with its requests for technical cooperation in the field of human rights.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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