



GROUP OF FRIENDS  
IN DEFENSE OF THE  
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**UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE BOLIVARIAN  
REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF  
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 68 (C),  
ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS AND REPORTS OF  
SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND REPRESENTATIVES”, WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

*New York, 16 November 2022*

**Mr. President,**

1. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has the honor to take the floor on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations.

**Mr. President,**

2. We consider that the presentation of country-specific resolutions, without the consent of the State concerned, not only goes against the principles of impartiality, objectivity, transparency, non-selectivity, non-politicization and non-confrontation, but also against the very spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, while undermining, among others, the development of friendly relations amongst nations and the achievement of international cooperation on the field of human rights.
3. Therefore, we express our firm and principled rejection to all kinds of double standards that undermine human rights and prevent a harmonious environment and progress in this field, and we reiterate our concern at the proliferation of unilateral mechanisms that purport to conduct an impartial assessment of the human rights situation in specific States, especially when they do not count with their due consent and participation. Similarly, we reject the ongoing practice of the Security Council of dealing with issues beyond its mandate, including by addressing human rights issues, in pursuit of certain States' political objectives. The continuation of this practice infringes upon the spirit that must guide the higher ideals in favor of the genuine promotion and protection of human rights, while representing also a clear violation of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, which has committed us all to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind.



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4. To conclude, while calling for an end to the politicization of human rights, the Group of Friends considers that the best and only way to strengthen and guarantee the full and effective realization of the human rights pillar of our Organization is to strengthen multilateralism, while strictly adhering to all the principles referred to previously. We consider that the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), the Treaty Bodies and the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, are platforms that provide important opportunities to advance towards that end, in a fair and constructive manner, on the basis of dialogue and cooperation, in terms of mutual respect, and in adherence to the timeless principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly those referred to the sovereign equality of States, the inalienable right to self-determination of peoples, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

I thank you, Mr. President.