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**JOINT STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATIONS OF BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE,
COLOMBIA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, PARAGUAY, AND PERU TO THE
OPCW AT THE NINETY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Permanent Representations of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, and Peru, members of the Lima Group, reiterate that our countries do not recognise the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, in line with previous declarations of the Lima Group and pursuant to resolution 1117/19 of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS).

In particular, we reaffirm our commitment to promote the recognition of the representatives of the Government of interim president Juan Guaidó in international organisations and in multilateral coordination mechanisms, as the legitimate representatives of Venezuela.

Therefore, it is our duty to express that the participation by the current Permanent Representation of Venezuela at the Ninety-Sixth Session of the Executive Council should not be interpreted as a recognition by our countries of the legitimacy of the regime of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela.

The Permanent Representations of Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, and Peru request that this statement be issued as an official document of the Ninety-Sixth Session of the Executive Council and be posted on both the external server and the public website of the Organisation.

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