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**BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA,  
GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, PARAGUAY, AND PERU AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

The Permanent Representations of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru, as 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 the 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 the Interim President Juan Guaidó in international organisations and in multilateral coordination mechanisms, as legitimate representatives of Venezuela.

Therefore, it is our duty to express that the participation by the current Permanent Representation of Venezuela at the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties of the OPCW 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 Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru, request that this statement be an official document of the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Conference of the States Parties and be posted on both the external server and the public website of the Organisation.

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