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**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA  
TO THE OPCW AT THE NINETY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
IN SUPPORT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons categorically rejects the continued attempts to use the Organisation in an effort to impose spurious political interests that have nothing to do with the object and purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention or the mandate of the OPCW.

The legitimacy of a government stems from the express and sovereign resolve of its people—not the recognition of other states. Opposing the consideration of this matter at the OPCW constitutes the defence of international law and the Charter of the United Nations.

The permanent mission of the Republic of Cuba to the OPCW voices its support for the legitimate permanent mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the OPCW and its permanent representative, H.E. Ambassador Haifa Aissami Madah.

Cuba reiterates its firm and unwavering solidarity with the Constitutional President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros.

Cuba will continue to defend peace, multilateralism, and the sovereign equality of all states.

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