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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE OPCW AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES REGARDING
THE ILLEGITIMACY OF THE MADURO REGIME IN VENEZUELA**

The United States joins nearly 60 nations in recognising Interim President Juan Guaidó as the legitimate president of Venezuela, in accordance with the Venezuelan constitution.

The Maduro regime is illegitimate and corrupt. It stole an election from the Venezuelan people. The regime bankrupted the country and forced millions of its citizens to flee. Maduro continues to deny Venezuelans the life-saving aid they so desperately need.

The United States of America and others around the world share a moral obligation to support the Venezuelan people as they strive to restore their democracy, and to respect their constitution and their sovereignty. This is why we must support Interim President Juan Guaidó and his government.

The members of the fraudulent Venezuela delegation here today represent the illegitimate Maduro regime. They are not speaking on behalf of the Venezuelan people.

We look forward to collaborating in the future with a delegation that represents a transitional and ultimately legitimately elected Government of Venezuela.

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