Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR40 – Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Venezuela and takes note of its National Report.

We are deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Venezuela and recommend the following:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN *Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* (OP-CAT) and the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (ICPPED).
2. To develop and adopt a new national plan on human rights.
3. To cooperate with the *Fact-Finding Mission* and implement its recommendations.
4. To promote national reconciliation by releasing political detainees.
5. To ensure that detention conditions comply with the *Nelson Mandela Rules*.
6. To cease harassment and criminalization of civil society organizations and independent media.
7. To ensure respect for freedom of assembly, opinion, and expression for peaceful demonstrators or protesters.

Lithuania wishes Venezuela a successful review.

I thank you.