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Review of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden is gravely concerned about the human rights situation in Venezuela, particularly regarding arbitrary arrests, restrictions on the right to freedom of expression and harassment of human rights defenders and would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure that the state institutions are not used to persecute political opponents, journalists and other media workers, union leaders and other perceived opponents of the government.
2. End the systematic repression of, and ensure the protection of human rights defenders, including environmental defenders, by revising repressive legislation.
3. Ensure the effective implementation of the Law on Women’s right to a life free from violence in all areas, including through the adoption of a national action plan for protecting women and preventing violence against women.

Thank you