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UPR of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Statement by the Republic of Poland

*Tuesday 25 January 2021, 14:30 – 18:00*

Poland thanks the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its participation in the third UPR Cycle and presentation of its national report.

Poland would like to recommend to Venezuela:

* to ensure good cooperation with relevant UN bodies, especially with OHCHR and the mechanisms of the Council, and to recognize and collaborate with the independent FFM.
* to take measures to prevent human rights violations, such as torture and extrajudicial executions and ensure investigation and sanctioning of perpetrators.
* to Ratify OPCAT and International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances
* to respect freedom of assembly, opinion, and expression for individuals engaging in peaceful demonstrations;
* to reengage in a meaningful dialogue with all Venezuelan stakeholders aiming at the peaceful solution of the present crisis.

We are deeply concerned about the worsening human rights conditions in Venezuela. We believe that re-establishment of rule of law and democracy, through free and fair election is crucial for the improvement of human rights situation in Venezuela.

*Thank you.*