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Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 6 October 2026

63/24. Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 39/1 of 27 September 2018, 42/25 of 27 September 2019, 45/20 of 6 October 2020, 51/29 of 7 October 2022 and 57/36 of 11 October 2024 on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as 42/4 of 26 September 2019 and 45/2 of 6 October 2020, which were supported by the country concerned,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of States to promote, protect, respect and fulfil the human rights and fundamental freedoms of their population and to fulfil their obligations under the human rights treaties, agreements and other instruments to which they are parties, as well as their human rights commitments,

Expressing its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to all victims and their families and its solidarity with the Venezuelan people affected by the earthquakes of 24 June 2026 and the aftershocks,

Noting the initial steps taken, including the release of persons arbitrarily detained, and encouraging further progress towards fully restoring the rule of law and fostering an open and inclusive civic space, including through substantive and good-faith negotiations on electoral and judicial reforms that reflect the aspirations of the Venezuelan people,

Noting with appreciation the recent resumption of cooperation and dialogue between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Welcoming the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights¹ and the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela,² and other international organizations and mechanisms,

Expressing grave concern at the continued serious human rights violations and abuses in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and the disproportionate impact that these have on the rights of women and girls, older persons, persons with disabilities, children, migrants,

¹ A/HRC/59/58 and A/HRC/62/50.

² A/HRC/60/61 and A/HRC/63/57.



refugees and asylum-seekers, Indigenous Peoples and persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations,

Expressing deep concern that the ongoing deficits in the rule of law, civic space and the independence of the justice system contribute to widespread impunity, affect access to justice, accountability and reparations for human rights violations and abuses, including guarantees of non-recurrence, and hinder the holding of free and fair elections,

Expressing grave concern at the protracted humanitarian and human rights crisis in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which has led to millions of people being compelled to leave the country, while welcoming the extensive and continuing efforts of neighbouring and other countries, especially in the region, to host and promote the inclusion of Venezuelan migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as the humanitarian assistance provided by the United Nations, other humanitarian organizations and partner countries,

1. *Strongly condemns* all violations and abuses of international human rights law in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

2. *Urges* the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to implement fully and immediately the recommendations contained in the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the independent international fact-finding mission and to investigate all violations and abuses of human rights and hold those responsible to account;

3. *Also urges* the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to respect, protect and fulfil the right of citizens to take part in the conduct of public affairs and the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, as well as to cease restrictions on civic and democratic space, which discourage civic engagement and limit inclusive political participation;

4. *Calls upon* the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to immediately and unconditionally release all arbitrarily detained persons and lift all criminal proceedings against them;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to monitor, report on and provide technical cooperation with a view to improving the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

6. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council oral updates at its sixty-fourth and sixty-seventh sessions, each to be followed by an interactive dialogue, and to submit comprehensive reports on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela containing an assessment of the implementation of the recommendations made in previous reports to the Council for consideration at its sixty-fifth and sixty-eighth sessions, each to be followed by an interactive dialogue;

7. *Decides* to extend for a period of two years the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as set out in Human Rights Council resolutions 42/25, 45/20 and 57/36;

8. *Requests* the fact-finding mission to present to the Human Rights Council oral updates on its work at the Council's sixty-fourth and sixty-seventh sessions, each to be followed by an interactive dialogue, and to submit to the Council reports on its findings and recommendations for future action by the Council at its sixty-sixth and sixty-ninth sessions, each to be followed by an interactive dialogue;

9. *Encourages* the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to continue to strengthen its cooperation in a full manner with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and urges the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to cooperate fully with the fact-finding mission, to grant the Office and the mission immediate, full and unfettered access to the entire country, including to victims and places of detention, to provide them with all the information necessary to fulfil their mandates, and to ensure that all individuals have unhindered access to and can communicate with the United Nations and other human rights entities without fear of reprisal, intimidation or attack;

10. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to continue its efforts towards the protection of human rights of migrants and refugees from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and, in this respect, to promote effective measures and best practices, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and other relevant agencies, and invites all relevant stakeholders to enhance international cooperation with the host and transit countries of Venezuelan migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers;

11. *Requests* that the Office of the High Commissioner and the independent international fact-finding mission each be provided, in a timely manner, with all the resources necessary and the full administrative, technical and logistical support needed to carry out their respective mandates;

12. *Encourages* relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council to pay particular attention, within their respective mandates, to the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and urges the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to cooperate fully with their work, including by facilitating country visits;

13. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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6 October 2026*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 25 to 5, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Albania, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Gambia, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Against:

Burundi, China, Cuba, Egypt, Viet Nam

Abstaining:

Angola, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, South Africa, Thailand]