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ORAL STATEMENT

Item 4: Interactive dialogue on the report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL MUST RENEW THE FACT-FINDING MISSION FOR VENEZUELA IN RESPONSE TO SPIRALLING HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS

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Mr President

Amnesty International welcomes the Fact-Finding Mission's latest report. Its findings portray the [newfound](#) depths Venezuelan authorities reach to silence dissent, and details to the world the nature of Nicolas Maduro's government's ruthless escalation of its policy of repression.

We join global condemnation of state-sponsored violence and raise our movement's voice in support of the people in Venezuela.

Human rights and freedoms have been under attack on a [widespread and systematic](#) scale. In the days [since 28 July](#), the number of victims reached [the thousands](#), with human rights defenders being subjected to [further persecution](#).

We condemn the use of repressive measures to stop defenders in Venezuela from attending the Council session. We [call on states](#) to amplify their voices and ensure they are part of the solutions to this human rights crisis.

Mr President,

These are not isolated events nor abstract facts. Behind every violation are thousands if not millions of people with individual names, faces, loved ones and [a right to see justice](#) served. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of [Kennedy](#) Tejada, Henry Gomez, [Edward](#) Ocariz, and all others unfairly detained.

Today, more than ever, we emphatically call on this Council to [renew the FFM](#)'s mandate and to redouble its support for human rights defenders, the right to protest, and the right to justice in Venezuela.

Thank you.