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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

ONGOING INTERNATIONAL CRIMES IN VENEZUELA MUST BE MET WITH UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

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Mr President,

A human rights crisis of the scale seen in Venezuela cannot be normalized or ignored.

As of early September, over 800 people, including four [children, remain arbitrarily detained](#) and thousands are being subjected to unfair trials while suffering inhuman prison conditions. Civic space faces ever-growing threats, and human rights defenders remain detained, including Javier Tarazona, Rocío San Miguel, Carlos Julio Rojas, Kennedy Tejeda, Eduardo Torres and Pedro Hernández.

In July, Amnesty International published new findings detailing how enforced disappearances are being committed as part of a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population in Venezuela. Victims from Venezuela, Spain, Colombia, France and Ukraine, are amongst the individuals whose fate and whereabouts remain unknown. As we speak, more than 40 people remain forcibly disappeared. We call on Venezuelan authorities to disclose the fate and whereabouts of all detainees and immediately release all those who are arbitrarily detained in the country, including those detained for political reasons.

We ask the Fact-Finding Mission how it could be better supported by this Council, including in the light of the present liquidity crisis, and how states could take further action for accountability, including in support of investigations by the International Criminal Court?

Thank you.