



CP/RES. 1123 (2215/19)

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN VENEZUELA

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its special meeting of March 27, 2019<sup>1/</sup>)

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

RECALLING that resolution CP/RES. 1095 of February 23, 2018, requested the Government of Venezuela to implement the measures needed to prevent a worsening of the humanitarian situation, including accepting the assistance offered by the international community;

CONSIDERING that the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela has contributed to the deterioration in the quality of life of its citizens and has generated unprecedented migration flows with regional implications, due to the lack of institutional capacity to meet basic needs such as the delivery of public and health services, as well as the supply of food and medicines;

NOTING with concern that Venezuela's closure of its borders with Brazil and Colombia has in fact prevented the population, especially the most vulnerable, from obtaining food, medicines, medical treatment, and educational opportunities; and

REITERATING its serious concern about the collapse of Venezuela's health care system, which has led to the reappearance of infectious diseases previously eradicated in Venezuela as well as in bordering countries and in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its call for humanitarian aid to be allowed to enter into Venezuela, in accordance with the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of resolution AG/RES. 2929 (XLVIII-O/18) of June 5, 2018, in order to address the different needs of the population, especially the most vulnerable.

2. To encourage member states, permanent observers, and the competent international organizations to continue providing support and implementing measures to address the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

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1. This resolution was adopted with 19 votes in favor, 5 against, 8 abstentions, and 2 absences.

3. To urge the public institutions of Venezuela, especially the military and police establishments, to refrain from blocking the entry of humanitarian aid into Venezuela, duly respecting the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and operational independence of humanitarian assistance, as well as respect for human rights.

4. To welcome the Inter-American Juridical Committee's Declaration on the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, CJI/DEC. 01 (XCIV-O/19), of February 22, 2019, especially its operative paragraph 2, which reads: That necessary humanitarian aid sent to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela does not violate the principle of non-intervention in the domestic affairs of states, and therefore, whatever the state of its origin, it must be accepted and distributed in an equitable manner among the Venezuelan population.