



## OAS: GOOD OFFICES MISSION IN VENEZUELA LED BY ÓSCAR ARIAS

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Mr.  
José Miguel Insulza Salinas  
Secretary General  
Organization of American States (OAS)

Dear Secretary- General

The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD) a platform of more than 520 organizations in the region , Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of OAS and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD), Freedom House, as well as organization and individual signatories:

- Recalling that the Organization of American States (OAS) has among its mandates the important role of contributing to the strengthening of peace.
- Recalling the Article IX of the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement, "Pact of Bogotá " and Article 1 of the Inter-American

Treaty on Good Offices and Mediation on the procedure of Good Offices.

- Knowing the persistent violation of human rights in Venezuela and translated into physical aggression, murder and arrest of peaceful demonstrators and students, criminalization of peaceful protest and intimidation of activists of human rights by the Venezuelan police and paramilitary groups as "Tupamaros" and "Colectivos".
- Showing its concerns about blocking the signal of media as NTN24, rationing of newsprint and the mass closure of media as serious affronts to the exercise of freedom of the press in Venezuela.
- Having the knowledge of the systematic persecution of members, leaders and women leaders of the political opposition, basic elements of any democracy, such as Maria Corina Machado and Leopoldo Lopez.

**Respectfully request that the Organization that you preside over, establishes of a Good Offices Mission in Venezuela, implemented through an open dialogue presided by the Nobel Peace Prize and former President of Costa Rica Dr. Oscar Árias Sánchez in order to achieve peace, prevent further bloodshed and achieve the restoration of human rights of Venezuelan citizens.**

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