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His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America,
Embassy of the United States,
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A Petition to the People of the United States –
Immediately release the Venezuelan President and his wife

We submit this petition to Your Excellency, the Ambassador of the United States of America in Colombo, requesting that it be conveyed to the people of the United States and to the appropriate authorities of the U.S. Government.

We address the people of the United States with deep concern regarding the reported arrest of the President of Venezuela and his wife, their transfer to your country, and their prosecution under U.S. law after being declared international drug traffickers. It is widely assumed that this case may end in their imprisonment within the United States.

We ask a fundamental question: if the Venezuelan President and his wife are, as claimed by your government, major figures in the international drug trade, and if sufficient evidence exists to substantiate such allegations, why were internationally recognized mechanisms not employed? Why were international law enforcement agencies and judicial processes not utilized to address these accusations in a lawful and transparent manner, rather than resorting to unilateral action?

At the same time, the Venezuelan President is accused of being a dictator, a communist authoritarian, anti-democratic, and an illegitimate leader. If these allegations are true, it is the sovereign right and responsibility of the Venezuelan people to determine their own political future and take appropriate action. The forcible seizure of a sitting head of state by a foreign power constitutes an act of intimidation that threatens not only one nation, but the freedom and sovereignty of peoples worldwide.

We therefore urge the President of the United States and his administration to abandon policies of coercion and intimidation that contradict the democratic principles upon which your country was founded. These principles were articulated and defended by historic figures such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as well as by the political thinkers who shaped the democratic traditions of the United States.

We are further alarmed by reported remarks by former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, a close ally of President Vladimir Putin, suggesting that 'even though Trump's action is completely unlawful, he cannot be denied a certain consistency — he and his team are very aggressively upholding their country's national interests', and that Latin America is America's "backyard." This implies that, just as the United States have a "backyard," they also have Ukraine in their backyard. Such statements promote a dangerous worldview that divides the globe into spheres of domination. We reject this logic entirely. This path leads only to global confrontation and instability.

- We are also concerned by your administration's renewed and enthusiastic adherence to the
- "Monroe Doctrine" as a justification for declaring the Western Hemisphere off-limits to perceived adversaries such as Russia and China. Historically, this doctrine (introduced in
 - 1823 by President James Monroe) emerged in the aftermath of U.S. independence as a defensive measure against renewed European colonial interference in the Americas. It was intended to protect newly liberated nations from imperial domination and the plunder of their natural resources. To invoke this doctrine today as a justification for force, intervention, or a new form of economic and trade warfare is a bitter mockery of its original purpose and
 - of your country's own anti-colonial history.

In this spirit, we call upon the people of the United States to demand that their government take the following actions:

- Immediately release the Venezuelan President and his wife and allow them to return to their country.
- Immediately abandon expansionist and interventionist policies, and do not interfere with the sovereignty of all nation-states.
- Immediately suspend any plans to seize or control foreign natural resources under false or coercive pretenses for the benefit of domestic corporations.
- Pursue democratic and cooperative solutions to the global economic crisis by convening international economic forums and summits, rather than relying on coercion, sanctions, or military force to obstruct the economic activity of other nations.

We appeal to your conscience, your democratic traditions, and your historical commitment to self-determination. The future of global peace depends not on domination, but on mutual respect among nations and peoples.

Sincerely,



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