



The General Assembly

Working paper Sticks and Stones

Signed by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Argentina, Austria, Monaco, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Guyana, Bahamas, Norway,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Reaffirming the responsibility of States to promote at all costs,

Bearing in mind that too many nationals of the Republic of Venezuela, including men, women and children, are forced to leave their country as a result of a democratic breakdown, as well as a political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis that seriously affects their human rights,

1. *Stresses* the importance of finding a fast solution for the deepening crisis in Venezuela and urges all member states to participate by sending humanitarian aid to the most affected areas:

- a. *Suggests* a quota for all Latin American countries on the amount of refugees they take,
- b. *urges* neighbouring states to simplify entry into their country in order to seek asylum more easily,
- c. *endorses* the formation of an international fund to support countries taking in refugees,
- d. *further recommends* a cooperation with INGO's in order to assist countries directly affected by the refugee crisis;

2. *Urges* the Republic of Venezuela to issue travel documents to its citizens;

3. *Calls upon* the immediate release of all political prisoners: this includes political prisoners held by the government, as well as political prisoners held by the opposition;

4. *Urges* the Republic of Venezuela to accept international humanitarian aid;

a. *encourages* the Republic of Venezuela to return to the negotiation-table,

b. *endorses* countries to supply international organisations, such as the ICRC or Doctors without Borders with humanitarian aid;

c. *encourages* a cooperation with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in order to intensify efforts to organise refugee camps until the situation is stable enough for people to return or find a new home;

d. promises to refrain from issuing an embargo on exports of the Venezuelan economy if the Venezuelan government decides to accept foreign aid to ameliorate the humanitarian crisis;

5. *Emphasizes* the need of a reestablishment of the democratic norms in the country:

a. this includes free and fair elections,

b. freedom of speech,

c. freedom of association,

d. *suggests* controlled elections by international supervisors to ensure their transparency and provide legitimacy to their results, □ e. *further suggests* a supervision of the return to a full democracy by the international community;

6. *Endorses* all countries to adapt sanctions should Venezuela fail to uphold its international and domestic commitments; this includes commitments the government has towards its citizens, as well as commitments to ameliorate the situation in Venezuela:

□ a. this includes arms trade with Venezuela,

b. embargo on certain equipment such as wiretapping devices,

c. freezing of assets,

- d. these sanctions shall only be imposed on people involved in human rights violations,
- e. *Further* imposing sanctions on countries sending weapons to Venezuela,
- f. *banning* high ranking officials on leaving the country,
- g. If all fails, encourages countries to adopt a ban on exports that constitute the majority of Venezuela's revenues,
- h. *Further noting* that any sanctions will be removed if they worsen the condition of the general population of Venezuela dramatically as assessed by an independent body;

7. *Calls* for continuing reports from the Venezuelan government on the progresses of the crisis.