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Agenda item 2
Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

Albania,* Argentina,* Australia, Austria,* Belgium, Bulgaria,* Canada,* Chile,
Colombia,* Costa Rica,* Croatia, Cyprus,* Czechia,* Denmark,* Estonia,* Finland,*
France,* Georgia, Germany, Guatemala,* Guyana,* Honduras,* Iceland, Ireland,*
Liechtenstein,* Lithuania,* Luxembourg,* Mexico, Monaco,* Montenegro,*
Netherlands,* New Zealand,* Norway,* Paraguay,* Peru, Poland,* Romania,*
Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden,* Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland: draft resolution

39/… Promotion and protection of human rights in the Bolivarian
Republic of Venezuela

The Human Rights Council,

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

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of States to promote and protect the human
rights and fundamental freedoms of their citizens and to fulfil their obligations under the
human rights treaties and agreements to which they are parties,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights
Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007,

Recalling in particular that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human
Rights has the mandate to, inter alia, play an active role in removing the current obstacles
and in meeting the challenges to the full realization of all human rights and in preventing
the continuation of human rights violations throughout the world,

Bearing in mind that hundreds of thousands of nationals of the Bolivarian Republic
of Venezuela, including men, women and children, are forced to leave their country as a
result of, inter alia, a political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis that seriously
affects their human rights,

* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.

2. Expresses its deepest concern at the serious human rights violations in a context of a political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis, as documented in the above-mentioned report;

3. Calls upon the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to accept humanitarian assistance in order to address the scarcity of food, medicine and medical supplies, the rise of malnutrition, especially among children, and the outbreak of diseases that had been previously eradicated or kept under control in South America;

4. Urges the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner and the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council;

5. Requests the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive written report on the human rights situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its forty-first session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue, and to present an oral update on the human rights situation to the Council at its fortieth and forty-second sessions.