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**Sponsor (country delegation): Venezuela**

We are writing on behalf of the government of Venezuela and their current positions on this topic. However, we also want to represent the opposition party and the overwhelming majority of Venezuelan citizens, not just the government.

Venezuela is a nation in the north of South America. It currently sits near the top of the list among countries producing refugees in the western hemisphere. In recent years, Venezuela has been the subject of much turmoil in the government. In 2019, President Nicolas Maduro was sworn in for his second term. With this event, National Assembly Leader Juan Guaidó claimed the title of interim president. This caused in-fighting between officials, and sent the economy of Venezuela into a downward spiral that resulted in a 2019 poverty rate of 87%, and an inflation rate of over 1,000,000%. This caused an exodus of Venezuelans leaving the country. With these disloyal people leaving our great land, President Maduro's party, The United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV), believes that our economy could grow, and under the leadership of President Maduro, return to glory. For this reason, the PSUV believes that no country under any circumstances should be forced to accept or aid refugees in any way.

Venezuela is one of the main countries producing refugees, with 341,800 Venezuelans leaving in 2018. The PSUV believes that these people were not open to our government and did not have a place in our nation. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the European Union (EU) have called for other Latin American countries to support Venezuelan refugees. With the UN actions taken to ensure that our refugees have new homes, we see no reason to take action to provide a place for them in our beloved country.

The PSUV feels as though anyone who feels as though leaving our country is the right choice should be left to their own devices, and does not deserve the economic or political help of our strong

government. They refuse to make any contribution to the aid and support of our refugees, and believe that the general assembly would be wasting their time in developing a plan to do so.

The emerging minority part in our country is the Popular Will party led by self-proclaimed Acting President and President of the Venezuela National Assembly, Juan Guaido. In recent years, the Popular Will party has made it their goal to overthrow President Maduro, who they believe is a tyrannical leader. They want to seize the government from Maduro and revamp the economy and government into a morally-strong, thriving government. With a government led by Popular Will, Venezuela will support UN motions to aid refugees and displaced people.

With the current state of our government, we do not have the resources or capabilities to support UN motions to aid refugees and displaced people. The Maduro Administration does not wish to take any steps to achieve lower displacement numbers. On the contrary, the rising Popular Will party, if able to gain control of the government, would work to create a more stable Venezuelan economy and government, and would work to protect and assist the Venezuelan citizens.

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