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STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF SPECIAL ENVOY ALEX SAAB AND THE #FREE ALEX SAAB MOVEMENT

Yesterday the US defense team of Special Envoy Alex Saab filed a Motion to Dismiss in his ongoing fight to claim his right to immunity and inviolability as a lawfully appointed diplomat of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

We are very disappointed to note that rather than focus on the illegality of the actions of the United States, which have been confirmed by numerous independent courts, international commissions and UN bodies, sections of the media have elected to focus on a careless tweet from a respected media organization.

To be absolutely clear, Alex Saab is entitled to his diplomatic immunity and inviolability from

- (i) His appointment as a Special Envoy by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in April 2018
- (ii) The letters of accreditation that he carried from President Nicolas Maduro and Vice President Delcy Rodriguez to the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on his way to Iran on 12 June 2020
- (iii) The fact that Iran was fully aware of and acknowledged his mission
- (iv) The fact that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has invoked his immunity on many occasions commencing 13 June 2020 and
- (v) There is no smoking gun as has been implied by sections of the media today.
- (vi) Alex Saab's diplomatic passport expired in March of 2020 – as can be clearly seen from the images circulating in the media. Alex Saab was by necessity travelling using his ordinary Venezuelan passport, however, this has no impact on his standing both in law and in fact on his status as a diplomat entitled to diplomatic immunity.

Alex Saab has been unlawfully detained for more two years, often in conditions which the US Department of State itself has called “life threatening.” We call upon the United States to meet its domestic and international obligations legal obligations and release Special Envoy Saab immediately and unconditionally.

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