## PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON PROMOTION OF POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ELECTORAL GUARANTEES FOR ALL

**THE PARTIES**, designated for the purposes of this process as the "Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela" and the "Unitary Platform of Venezuela," acting in conformity with the Memorandum of Understanding executed on 13 August 2021 in Mexico City, United Mexican States;

Acting under the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Organic Law of Electoral Processes and other applicable statutory regulations;

Committed to strengthen an inclusive democracy and a culture of tolerance and political coexistence;

Reasserting the willingness to agree on the necessary terms and conditions to carry out the electoral processes enshrined in the Constitution and with all the guarantees;

Rejecting any form of political violence against Venezuela, her State and her institutions;

Abiding by paragraphs 1 and 2 of the agreed upon agenda referred to "Political rights for all" and "Electoral guarantees for all," and as laid down in paragraph 2 of the "General Terms" contained in the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding;

## HEREBY AGREE

**FIRST:** The Parties acknowledge and respect the right of every political party to select its candidate for the presidential elections in a free manner and according to its internal mechanisms, in keeping with the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the law.

**SECOND:** The Parties shall promote jointly before the National Electoral Council, as the constitutional governing body of electoral processes, a set of electoral guarantees for all the parties ahead of the upcoming presidential election, under the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Organic Law of Electoral Processes and other applicable statutory regulations.

**THIRD:** The electoral guarantees for all the parties referred to herein, which shall be jointly promoted by the Parties, shall include the following items:

- 1. Propose to hold the presidential election within the second half of 2024, in keeping with the constitutional schedule.
- Update the permanent register of voters, including:
  - Special sessions for voter registration and data update.
  - b. Information and promotion campaigns concerning voter registration and data update
  - **c.** Setup of stations for voter registration and data update throughout the national territory, in presence of witnesses for the political parties.
  - d. Continuation of the identification process throughout the country and conduct of special sessions of identification and issue of identity cards, in accordance with the law.
  - **e.** Development of update sessions of the register of voters abroad, with no further restrictions except for the limitations set forth in the Constitution and the law.
  - Update the register of voters.
- 3. Carry out the audits scheduled in the Venezuelan electoral system, including those related to the register of voters, involving all political stakeholders, international observers and national accompaniement, in conformity with the electoral law.
- 4. Request of invitation to the agreed upon electoral observation expert missions, including the European Union, the UN Panel of Electoral Experts, the African Union, the Inter-American Union of Electoral Organizations and the Carter Centre, for the purposes of observing the presidential election, in strict compliance with the Constitution, the law and the agreements executed with the Electoral Council, notwithstanding the right of political parties to invite national and international accompaniement, in accordance with the law.
- **5.** Promotion of a political discourse and a political and social environment amenable to the development of a peaceful and participatory electoral process, without foreign meddling, respecting the citizenry, the electoral authority, the political parties, the Constitution and the national laws. The Parties reject any form of violence in the political practice, as well as any kind of actions which may put in jeopardy the sovereignty, peace and territorial integrity of Venezuela.
- **6.** Appeal to all political parties and public servants to observe and enforce the electoral regulations and the decisions of the National Electoral Council during the campaign.
- 7. Request from the regulatory authorities for the adoption of measures to ensure security, free movement and assembly for all candidates in the entire national territory, with no further restrictions except for the limitations set forth in the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the law. The Parties shall promote the removal of any measure that may endanger the candidates and other political parties.

- 8. Recognition of the right of political parties to have available transparent financing facilities, to ensure their legal provenance and scrupulous management, with no further restrictions except for the limitations set forth in the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the law.
- **9.** Promotion of balance in the public and private media outlets, in addition to the assurances for all candidates of equal access to the media and social networks, both national and international, and public spaces administered by the State, as laid down in national laws and regulations.
- **10.** Promotion of the involvement of local, national and international media and social networks in the coverage of the electoral campaign, as set forth in the law and the procedures established by regulatory authorities.
- **11.** Promotion of authorization for all presidential candidates and political parties, provided that the requirements set out to run for president are satisfied, consistently with the procedures set out in the Venezuelan law, and, furthermore, in conformity with the principles of expediency, efficiency and efficacy enshrined in the Constitution.
- Public recognition of the results of the presidential election.

**FOURTH:** The Parties shall endeavour to apply the electoral terms and conditions referred to herein equally to the rest of the electoral processes that may be held, according to the constitutional schedule of elections, notwithstanding the extension thereof for said electoral processes.

**FIFTH:** In accordance with item 7 of the agreed upon agenda contained in the Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties have defined a track and check mechanism in conformity with the governing standards of the process of dialogue and negotiation.

**SIXTH:** Within the purview of the agreed upon agenda in the Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall continue the process of dialogue and negotiation in relation to any other measures in furtherance of an inclusive democracy and a culture of tolerance and political coexistence, in addition to the respect for human rights, mindful of the need to lift the sanctions against the Venezuelan State and claiming as inalienable rights of the Nation independence, freedom, sovereignty, immunity, territorial integrity and national self-determination.

Done in Bridgetown, this 17th day of the month of October in the year 2023. By the "Plataforma Unitaria de By the "Gobierno de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela Gerardo Blyde Jorge Rodríguez Gómez Head of delegation Mead of delegation Roberto Enriquez Nicolás Ernesto Maduro Suerra Stalin González Francisco Torrealba Tómas Guani Diva Guzmán Mariela Magallanes Luis Aquiles Mareno Gabriela Jiménez Luis Emilio Rondón Camila Fabri de Saab For the Facilitator, Kingdom of Norway Lester Toledo Larry Devoe

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