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**Accordance with International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence
by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo
(Request for Advisory Opinion)**

Filing of a written statement by Venezuela

THE HAGUE, 19 May 2009. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has agreed to the filing of a Written Statement by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the question of the Accordance with International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo (request for advisory opinion) after the expiry of the relevant time-limit.

Venezuela filed its Written Statement on 24 April 2009. By an Order, the Court had fixed 17 April 2009 as the time-limit within which written statements on the question could be presented to it.

In total, 36 Member States of the United Nations have thus now filed written statements on the question. These States are (in order of receipt): Czech Republic, France, Cyprus, China, Switzerland, Romania, Albania, Austria, Egypt, Germany, Slovakia, Russian Federation, Finland, Poland, Luxembourg, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, United Kingdom, United States of America, Serbia, Spain, Islamic Republic of Iran, Estonia, Norway, Netherlands, Slovenia, Latvia, Japan, Brazil, Ireland, Denmark, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Maldives, Sierra Leone, Bolivia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

It is recalled that the authors of the unilateral declaration of independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo have filed a written contribution. The texts of the written statements and of the written contribution are confidential at this stage of the proceedings.

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