**SPECIAL DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINE**

*“20th anniversary of the founding of ALBA-TCP”*

*“A hug that sets the course of our history”*

We, the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP), gathered in Caracas, Venezuela, on December 14, 2024, at the 24th Summit of Heads of State and Government, within the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Alliance:

Witnesses of the terrible crimes against humanity that have been committed in the Gaza Strip and other illegally occupied Palestinian territories, which we have repeatedly and strongly condemned from ALBA-TCP, in solidarity with our Palestinian brothers,

Aware that this is barbarism, that, governed by hatred, revenge and supremacist thinking that still exists in this world in the 21st century, is aimed at preventing the Palestinian people from exercising their legitimate rights,

Guided by the libertarian spirit of our independence heroes and our founding leaders, we raise our flag of solidarity and brotherhood with the Palestinian people and government,

 **Strongly reject** the cruel and inhumane genocide committed by the State of Israel, the occupying power, as well as its plan of plunder, invasion and domination over the Palestinian territory.

**Denounce** the complicit support of governments that allow Israel to act with impunity and prevent the Security Council from acting to stop the ongoing genocide.

**Demand** an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and a halt to genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity against its people, which violate the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, International Law and International Humanitarian Law;

**Reaffirm** our support for all necessary actions – political, social and diplomatic – to guarantee the Palestinian people their legitimate right to peace and to establish their independent and sovereign State within the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

From the heart of the peoples and governments of this Alliance, we declare Palestine a **Brother Country of ALBA-TCP** and reaffirm our commitment to the defense of the Palestinian cause, which is the defense of humanity.

**Caracas, December 14, 2024**