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Your Excellency,

The Royal Society of Canada joins the Network of Human Rights in calling on the Venezuelan Government to support the scientists and national academies of the country. The loss of equipment following robbery in the Palace of Academies is distressing and will seriously hamper the important activities of the affected Academies. These scholars and institutions provide great service to your country by generating knowledge and advice for the benefit of Venezuelan society and to global scholarship. We therefore urge you to take the appropriate measures to ensure that (i) the normal activities of the Academies can resume with the shortest possible delay, and (ii) such events do not occur in the future.

Yours sincerely

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President

Jeremy McNeil
Foreign Secretary

c.c. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science
The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Opposition
His Excellency Wilmer Omar Barrientos Fernández, Venezuelan Ambassador to Canada