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Dear Ms. Krishnaswami,

I am writing on behalf of the Organization for World Peace to draw your attention to an atrocity undertaken at the behest, and with the support, of the United States government. In May, ex-soldiers from Venezuela and the U.S. tried to overthrow Nicolás Maduro's regime in Venezuela. This attempted transgression on the part of the U.S. government, luckily, failed. But, that should not let it off the hook for its actions. As Advocacy Director for the Americas at Amnesty International USA, you are in a unique position to use your role and influence to help right the wrongs of the U.S. We urge you to investigate the issue to see the extent of U.S. involvement, and condemn any U.S. actions you find in support of this violent coup attempt.

The attempted coup is still being discussed daily by the media, and those involved seem willing to discuss the role the U.S. had in the attempted coup. Many have already spoken out claiming that the U.S. had agreed to support them once they had taken control of some cities within Venezuela. Additionally, there are numerous reports that the weapons used in the coup were provided by the U.S.

While it is clear that the Maduro regime in Venezuela has committed serious human rights violations, a coup is not the way to go about addressing those issues. This plan left eight dead and resulted in thirteen more being arrested. We cannot sit idly by and watch as the U.S. intervenes violently abroad. A lax approach to past U.S. coup attempts has allowed for protracted foreign conflicts, leaving thousands dead and creating widespread regional instability. Evidence of the destruction these coups have left behind is evident now in places like Iraq, Syria, and Libya. The U.S. policy of "invade first, ask questions later" must be called out, and stopped.

Given this, and your organization's long history of combatting governmentally supported injustice, I am confident you will look further into the issue.

Yours sincerely,
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