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Dear President Maduro

**Kluiverth Roa Núñez**

On 24 February, 14-year-old Kluiverth Roa Núñez was killed during an anti-government protest in which there were reports of excessive use of force by the security forces. I am concerned that the violence will intensify if the authorities do not send a clear message that peaceful protest is permitted and that excessive use of force will not be tolerated.

I call on you and your government colleagues to

* conduct a prompt and impartial investigation into Kluiverth Roa Núñez’s death, bring those found responsible to justice and provide redress to his family
* ensure respect for the rights to freedom of assembly, expression and association and guarantee that people are free to peacefully express their views, including views critical of the authorities, without fear of losing their lives or their freedom
* send an unequivocal message that the security forces will maintain public order but will only use force when strictly necessary and never against peaceful protesters

Yours sincerely

[Please send a copy of your letter to the Venezuelan Ambassador, 1 Cromwell Road, London SW7 2HW]