



**THE GROUP OF 77 & CHINA
ROME CHAPTER**

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The Group of 77 and China – Rome Chapter presents its compliments to the Permanent Representation of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Rome-based United Nations Agencies, and would like to inform that the G77 and China learnt, with deep sorrow, of the death of President Hugo Chavez. We know that the President was not well for some time and we appreciate the resilience and fortitude with which he bore the illness.

The Late President Hugo Chavez will be remembered for the legacy that he has left behind. His legacy includes, among others, his struggle against extreme poverty, and how he led Venezuela to achieve the goal set by UNESCO to declare a country an illiteracy-free territory in 2005. The important steps he had made in the battle to reach the real conditions of a developed country will be remembered by the world. We wish that this legacy endures and is embraced by his successor.

We pray for the people and Government of Venezuela that peace and calm prevails as we mourn the passing of President Hugo Chavez.

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To: Permanent Representation of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to FAO
CC: All G77 Permanent Representations accredited to FAO