



**Statement by the President of the Security Council**

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 November 2009, in connection with the Council's Consideration of the item entitled "The Situation between Venezuela and Colombia", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

- 1 "The Security Council is deeply concerned about the increasing tensions between
- 2 Venezuela and Colombia. It affirms the sovereignty of nations as expressed in the UN
- 3 Charter. The Council is concerned over the potential breach of Colombian and
- 4 Venezuelan Sovereignty. The Council calls on all member states and their supporters to
- 5 work together to assure continuing peace. The council acknowledges and is encouraged
- 6 by the open dialog between Colombia and Venezuela while endorsing a diplomatic
- 7 solution. The Security Council will continue to monitor the situation closely."