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**Her Excellency**  
**Kristalina Georgieva**  
*Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)*

*On behalf of the Venezuelan People, the Bolivarian Government and my own, I wish to send you a cordial greeting, and in turn, to refer to the hard and unexpected battle that the world is facing today against the outbreak of the new coronavirus (Covid-19), epidemic Recently cataloged by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Pandemic, thus declaring a public health emergency of international importance, which requires the union of all countries, working in an articulated and united manner to minimize its consequences.*

*In this sense, the Bolivarian Government has been executing different highly comprehensive, strict and exhaustive prevention and control measures to address this contingency and protect the Venezuelan people, particularly given the confirmation of the first cases of infected people in our country. That is why, we come up to your Honorable organism to request your evaluation, regarding the possibility of granting Venezuela a financing facility for USD 5,000 million from the emergency fund of the Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI), resources that will contribute significantly to strengthen our detection and response systems.*

*At this crucial moment, and aware of the aggressiveness and high level of contagion of this disease, we will continue to take swift and vigorous measures to stop its spread. We are convinced that in permanent coordination with the WHO and mutual support between the countries of the world, we will be able to face and overcome this difficult situation, seeing the future dreams that work and common destiny bring us come true.*



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*Only under the spirit of solidarity, brotherhood and social discipline we will be able to overcome the situations that come our way, and we will know how to protect the life and wellbeing of our peoples.*



*Nicolás Maduro Moros*