



**Declaration of the Rio Group on
the Constitutional Amendment Referendum in the
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

The Member States of the Rio Group congratulate the people and government of Venezuela for the peaceful and democratic development of the *Constitutional amendment Referendum* held on February 15th.

The Rio Group recognizes this new expression of civility and pleased for the democratic exercise of that brother people, as well as for the broad political participation which characterized the consultation journey during which the Venezuelan people decided to endorse amendments to their *Magnun Charter*.

Mexico City, February 18th, 2009

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