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### Terrorism

#### Venezuela is a critical nexus for narco-trafficking – leads to Iranian influence and makes the war on terror inevitably fail

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HEZBOLLAH AND VENEZUELA”, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Dec, 2011, <http://www.fpri.org/enotes/2011/201112.neumann.narcoterrorism.html>, Daehyun)

Press stories, as well as a television documentary, over the past two months

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to contend with these, whether or not President Chávez remains in power.

#### Venezuela plays a make or break role --- it’s key to end the growing narco alliance

Farah 11 - Senior Fellow, International Assessment and Strategy Center Adjunct Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Douglas, “The U.S.‐Caribbean Shared Security Partnership: Responding to the Growth of Trafficking and Narcotics in the Caribbean”, Dec 15, 2011, <http://www.strategycenter.net/docLib/20111216_Farah_CaribbeanNarcotics_1215.pdf>, Daehyun)

\*ALBA= Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America

In 2004, presidents Hugo Chávez of Venezuela and Fidel Castro of Cuba announced the

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laundering of narcotics proceeds in exchange for payments to corrupt government officials.7

#### Narco-terror groups will strike the U.S. – the military establishment has already identified it as a top threat

Shinkman, 13 --- national security reporter at U.S. News and World Report (4/24/2013, Paul D., “Iranian-Sponsored Narco-Terrorism in Venezuela: How Will Maduro Respond? New Venezuelan president at a crossroads for major threat to U.S.,” <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2013/04/24/iranian-sponsored-narco-terrorism-in-venezuela-how-will-maduro-respond>, JMP)

At a conference earlier this month, top U.S. military officers identified

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chummy a relationship" as they enjoyed with the ever-charismatic Chavez.

#### Nuclear War

Ayson 10 - Professor of Strategic Studies and Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies: New Zealand at the Victoria University of Wellington

(Robert, “After a Terrorist Nuclear Attack: Envisaging Catalytic Effects,” Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, 33.7, InformaWorld)

But these two nuclear worlds—a non-state actor nuclear attack and a

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be admitted that any preemption would probably still meet with a devastating response.

#### The plan creates an explicit incentive for Venezuela to implement effective port security standards – the alternative is continued terrorism

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Improving national security in the United States requires increasing our efforts in some of the

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the major exports of Venezuela, and the major American imports from Venezuela.

#### The plan spills over to energy and anti-terror cooperation – it overcomes alt causes

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Implementing a security cooperative with Venezuela will bring auxiliary benefits to United States industry and

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of the negative effects by providing immediate economic gratification for making security upgrades.

#### Expanded energy cooperation ensures Venezuelan stability and Maduro’s grip on power

Campbell, 13 (4/16/2013, Darren, “A new leader could signal change for Venezuela’s troubled oil and gas sector; If Nicolas Maduro can reverse the industry's decline, it could siphon off investment in Alberta's oil sands,” http://www.albertaoilmagazine.com/2013/04/a-new-leader-could-signal-change-for-venenzuelas-oil-and-gas-sector/, JMP)

That’s because Venezuelan heavy oil is a competitor to the bitumen and heavy oil Alberta

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deep is something that will depend on how Mr. Maduro’s administration performs.

#### That solves nuclear war

Manwaring ‘5 – adjunct professor of international politics at Dickinson

(Max G., Retired U.S. Army colonel, Venezuela’s Hugo Chávez, Bolivarian Socialism, and Asymmetric Warfare, October 2005, pg. PUB628.pdf, Wake Early Bird File)

President Chávez also understands that the process leading to state failure is the most

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and their associated problems endanger global security, peace, and prosperity.65

#### Maduro is pragmatic on economic matters and will say yes – boosting his credibility is the only way to ensure reform

Mander 13 – Journalist at the Financial Times, his father’s a British Baronet and has a Wikipedia Page(Benedict, “Hugo Chávez: His legacy at stake”, Aug 19, 2013, <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e5ca6e64-05ce-11e3-8ed5-00144feab7de.html#axzz2de2NyO4W>, Daehyun)

But since Chávez’s death in March, there are tentative signs that the political winds

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that Mr Maduro may compromise the revolution’s socialist goals have paralysed decision making.

#### There’s a high risk of nuke terror—an attack turns multilat and makes the US hardline

Vladimir Z. Dvorkin ‘12 Major General (retired), doctor of technical sciences, professor, and senior fellow at the Center for International Security of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Center participates in the working group of the U.S.-Russia Initiative to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism, 9/21/12, "What Can Destroy Strategic Stability: Nuclear Terrorism is a Real Threat," belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/22333/what\_can\_destroy\_strategic\_stability.html

Hundreds of scientific papers and reports have been published on nuclear terrorism. International conferences

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a common understanding of these threats and develop a strategy to combat them.

### Legitimacy

#### It’s a try or die for the affirmative – the plan is necessary to reverse the militarization of US foreign policy and the subsequent loss of credibility – Venezuela is key

Petras 10 – retired Bartle Professor (Emeritus) of Sociology at Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York and adjunct professor at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada who has published prolifically on Latin American and Middle Eastern political issues(James, “US-Venezuela: The Empire Strikes Back (and Loses)”, Global Policy Forum, Aug 12, 2010, <http://www.globalpolicy.org/us-military-expansion-and-intervention/venezuela/49400-us-venezuela-the-empire-strikes-back-and-loses.html>, Daehyun)

US policy toward Venezuela has taken many tactical turns, but the objective has been

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diversified markets, have weakened Washington's diplomatic and political attempts to isolate Venezuela.

#### Engagement sends a critical signal and boosts US legitimacy globally – it reduces the US perception as a bully and creates a credible model of conflict resolution

LeMaster 9 – Lieutenant Colonel of the US Army (Dennis P., “US POLICY OPTIONS MITIGATING VENEZUELAN SPONSORED SECURITY CHALLENGES”, Dec 3, 2009, <http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA497699>, Daehyun)

US Policy Alternatives The US could adopt three potential options for future relations with Venezuela

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bridges the differences of the two nations and ultimately strengthens the Western Hemisphere.

#### Legitimacy solves global peace — the alternative is great power transition wars

Kromah 9[February 2009, Masters in IR, Lamii Moivi Kromah at the Department of International Relations

University of the Witwatersrand, “The Institutional Nature of U.S. Hegemony: Post 9/11”, http://wiredspace.wits.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10539/7301/MARR%2009.pdf?sequence=1]

A final major gain to the United States from the benevolent hegemony has perhaps been

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to facilitate its ability to extract contributions from other members of the system.

#### Independently, absent renewal of rule of law principles, multilateral cooperation to solve warming and disease is impossible

John G. Ikenberry 11, Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton, Spring, “A World of Our Making”, http://www.democracyjournal.org/20/a-world-of-our-making.php?page=all

Grand Strategy as Liberal Order Building American dominance of the global system will eventually yield

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liberal order building, it can begin the process of gaining it back.

#### Warming causes extinction

Don Flournoy 12, Citing Feng Hsu, PhD NASA Scientist @ the Goddard Space Flight Center and Don is a PhD and MA from UT, former Dean of the University College @ Ohio University, former Associate Dean at SUNY and Case Institute of Technology, Former Manager for University/Industry Experiments for the NASA ACTS Satellite, currently Professor of Telecommunications @ Scripps College of Communications, Ohio University, “Solar Power Satellites,” January 2012, Springer Briefs in Space Development, p. 10-11

In the Online Journal of Space Communication , Dr. Feng Hsu, a  NASA

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simply too high for us to take any chances” (Hsu 2010 ).

#### Diseases end civilization

David Quammen 12, award-winning science writer, long-time columnist for Outside magazine for fifteen years, with work in National Geographic, Harper's, Rolling Stone, the New York Times Book Review and other periodicals, 9/29, “Could the next big animal-to-human disease wipe us out?,” The Guardian, pg. 29, Lexis

Infectious disease is all around us. It's one of the basic processes that ecologists

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collapses? One possible factor is infectious disease, and viruses in particular.

### Thus the Plan:

#### The United States federal government should normalize its trade relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela if, and only if, it complies with the standards of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Program code set by the International Maritime Organization.

### Solvency

#### The plan boosts trade relations and avoids political confrontation with Venezuela – none of their “Say No” cards assume this

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Abstract: Trade with Venezuela has risen to the top 15 nations with which the

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comparing similar case studies as well as noting inherent benefits of trade systems.

#### The plan provides the critical incentive for Venezuela to adopt the ISPS standards

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It is widely believed that increased security at a country’s borders facilitates an increase in

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become secure, even those who may be exempt from IMO’s ISPS code.

#### Venezuela will say yes – it prioritizes trade relations

Jamison 13 – writer, studying international politics at Georgetown (Anne, “Maduro Venezuela: He Won't Usher in a New Era Of U.S.-Venezuela Relations, and That's OK”, April, Policy Mic Network)

The April 19 inauguration of Nicolás Maduro, vice president of Venezuela under the recently

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death. Their trade relationship is intact, and that is their priority.

#### Boosting counter narcotics cooperation is feasible – it would put the ball in Venezuela’s court

Mannes 9 – American writer, former Director of Research at the Middle East Media Research Institute(Aaron, “Mind the Gap: Reinstituting Counternarcotics Cooperation with Venezuela”, Jul 22, 2009, <http://terrorwonk.blogspot.com/2009/07/mind-gap-reinstituting-counternarcotics.html>, Daehyun)

The GAO’s recent report U.S. Counternarcotics Cooperation with Venezuela Has Declined provides

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might leave him speechless, and fill a real gap in hemispheric security.

#### The ISPS is successful – it fosters international cooperation and provides regional flexibility

Timien 7 - Head of the Baltic and International Maritime Council’s (BIMCO) Security and International Affairs Department(Thomas, “The ISPS Code: Where are we now?”, Apr, 2007, <http://www.fswg.org/files/DDF/ISPS%20Code%20-%20Where%20are%20we%20now%20-%20Cargo%20Security%20International%20CSIA%20%204-5%2007%20(article).pdf>, Daehyun)

Beginning with the former, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) is mandated

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which, in comparison, still have quite some catching up to do.