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Recognizing the pressing issue of safety and security in Venezuela, I believe we must first take action in the direction of resolving the crimes and violence in our beloved country.  Since 1999 when former President, Hugo Chavez, took office, murder rates have increased dramatically, and the rate has followed with current President, Nicolás Maduro. Although these rates have coincidentally inflated with each year a Chavismo President has been in office, it is ultimately the responsibility of both political parties, the current United Socialist Party of Venezuela and the Democratic Unity Roundtable, to join together to protect our people. Furthermore, in order to achieve peace in Venezuela, we must eradicate the tardiness of intervening with our country. If we only begin to intervene when our country is in the midst of a crisis, we will lose all that we have invested into Venezuela. As a result, we must work together. At the moment, political and civil rights have posed as a threat to the country. For instance, the course of action taken up by anti-government protesters led to a plethora of arrests and deaths in Venezuela. Additionally, newspapers and social media has taken to accusing the United Socialist Party of Venezuela of perpetrating crimes in society. Basic political and civil rights can only be rationally exercised when an effective level of safety is prevalent. Despite the apparent political divide between the United Socialist Party of Venezuela and the Democratic Unity Roundtable, we must work together in order to achieve one common goal: peace in Venezuela.

Addressing the conspicuous economic crisis that Venezuela is experiencing, it is acceptable to say that our oil state has been both a blessing and a burden. A blessing in which it is one less item we must concern ourselves with. Yet, a major burden as it has caused economic turmoil, such as inflation of basic items including milk, beans, rice, and soap to name a few. In order to find a solution, I believe that the most efficient way at the moment is to in fact inflate our oil prices. In this way, China, our main sovereign creditor, may grant us additional loans or at the least, make our loan rates more flexible, as we may collect more revenue on these prices. Moreover, both political parties must come to an agreement on how they may instruct their supporters in order to pull ourselves out of this economic rut. On behalf of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, I firmly believe in increasing our oil prices. By demonstrating progress in setting an economic foundation, more companies will want to stay in Venezuela, in turn, benefiting our citizens by offering jobs and resources.

In terms of social division and politics in Venezuela, the clear cut makes up two groups: the United Socialist Party of Venezuela in support of President Maduro and the Democratic Unity Roundtable, which has taken to public protest and caused severe unrest in the country. Reflecting on such divide urges us to find what idea brings both sections together. We may accomplish this by taking up Pope Francis’ suggestion of “dialogue at a negotiating table,” in order to meet compromises amongst citizens. At the moment, President Maduro feels that checks-and-balances are not necessary, to which we must fully respect. As the first person to extend his hand to the country, President Maduro has instilled his full effort in the betterment of Venezuela. Moving forward, Venezuela must learn to work with one another in order to overcome this global issue.

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