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REQUEST FOR ICC ARTICLE 15 SUBMISSION

CASLA Institute — Center for Latin American Studies on Human Rights

To: CASLA Institute — Center for Latin American Studies on Human Rights **Attention:** Tamara Sujú, Executive Director · ICC Submissions Coordinator **Via:** institutional email **Date:** ____ May 2026 **Re:** Case of Alberto José Bracho Rozquez — Request for inclusion in additional Article 15 communication to the ICC Office of the Prosecutor (Venezuela I situation)

Dear Dra. Sujú, dear CASLA Institute team:

We respectfully request the **inclusion of the case of Alberto José Bracho Rozquez** (Venezuelan ID V-21.078.752) in your forthcoming additional **Article 15 Rome Statute communication** to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, in the framework of the **Venezuela I situation** (formal investigation opened on 3 November 2021).

Why this case fits CASLA's ICC submission line

CASLA Institute has developed the most rigorous Latin-American methodology for documenting crimes against humanity in Venezuela for ICC purposes. The Bracho case fits precisely the patterns CASLA has documented:

1. **Imprisonment in violation of fundamental rules of international law** (Rome Statute, art. 7.1.e):
 2. Arrest without warrant or flagrancy
 3. 45-day enforced disappearance
 4. Custody of a civilian in a military intelligence facility (DGCIM Boleíta Norte)
 5. Trial before a tribunal not previously established by law
6. **Torture** (Rome Statute, art. 7.1.f):
 7. Hooding, electric shocks to genitals, removal of toenails, fracture of ribs, broken nasal septum
8. **In the documented presence of the prosecutor handling the case** (Farik Karin Mora Salcedo) — this fact alone elevates the act from individual torture to systemic State-policy torture
9. Failure of the trial court to investigate after the in-court denunciation
10. **Persecution** (Rome Statute, art. 7.1.h):

11. Bracho was a young civilian opposition protester, photographed alone with raised hands before a National Guard formation — a low-profile civilian targeted for political opinion
12. Selective recharacterisation of crimes between civilian and military defendants in the same docket (Treason maintained for civilians, replaced by Conspiracy for military) demonstrates persecution criterion of differential treatment
13. **Systematic and widespread attack against the civilian population** (Rome Statute, art. 7.1 chapeau):
14. The case forms part of a documented pattern (UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela 2020, 2022, 2024 reports)
15. Tribunal special national-jurisdiction created by TSJ Plenary Resolution No. 2012-0026 — applied to dozens of political dissidents
16. Identifiable command line: from the Office of the Attorney General (Tarek William Saab) through the DGCIM hierarchy to Colonel Hannover Guerrero and Prosecutor Farik Mora Salcedo
17. **Identifiable perpetrators with State authority:**
18. Prosecutor Farik Karin Mora Salcedo
19. Colonel Hannover Guerrero
20. Trial Judge Hennis Carolina López Mesa
21. Appeals Judges Katherine Haringhton Padrón and Carol Bealexis Padilla Reyes de Arretureta
22. TSJ Magistrates who upheld and declined to investigate

Specific request

1. **Inclusion of the case** in the next Article 15 communication submitted by CASLA to the OTP, with full documentation.
2. **Cross-referencing** with the systemic patterns CASLA has already documented (DGCIM detention centre, special tribunals, prosecutor-presence torture).
3. **Identification of perpetrators** by name and rank, where possible, for inclusion in CASLA's perpetrator database.
4. **Coordination** with Human Rights Foundation for parallel high-level US/EU advocacy.

Available materials

- Public case file (bilingual): <https://tuvzla.com/cases-hr/bracho-rozquez/> (EN) and <https://tuvzla.com/casos-ddhh/bracho-rozquez/> (ES).
- Standalone dossiers in EN and ES, structured, with all source URLs.
- 12 TSJ judgments extracted in plain text (~2 MB).
- Mapping of constitutional, conventional and Rome Statute violations.
- Names, ranks and roles of identified State actors (within the limits of public sources).

- List of co-victims and co-defendants with documentary corroboration (5 of the 17 convicts denounced torture in court, supporting the systematic-pattern criterion).

Strategic value

The 17 co-defendants of the drone case form a paradigmatic dossier within Venezuela I. Including Bracho — paradigmatic of the low-profile civilian disappeared, tortured and abandoned at cassation — strengthens the criminal-pattern argument for crimes against humanity. The ICC Article 15 communication mechanism is precisely the vehicle to catalyse OTP attention to a specific, well-documented incident-cluster within the broader situation.

We remain available for technical coordination and stand ready to deliver the full record by any secure channel CASLA designates.

Sincerely,

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