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Written Summary/Report By the Grenada Human Rights Organization Inc. on the Universal Periodic Review of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as prepared for the Office of The High Commissioner for Human Rights.

1. The Grenada Human Rights Organization Inc. was established on December 10th 1999, during a ceremony at Norton Hall, Church Street, St. George's, Grenada. The G.H.R.O currently has 15 members of which 10 are active and 5 volunteers.
2. Its goal is to educate citizens about their constitutional, Human and Inalienable Rights, as well as to promote and protect the rights of vulnerable members of society.
3. The G.H.R.O wishes to comply with the request of the current Human Rights Council, for Human Rights submission to the Universal Periodic Review of United Nation Member States. This contribution is regarding the achievements of Women Rights in Venezuela.
4. February 2nd, 2011 marked the 12th anniversary of the Bolivarian Revolutionary Process, which has been consistently increasing the visibility, and inclusion of women in Venezuela. Hence, once can understand the Venezuelan women's love for their ongoing Revolutionary Process.
5. Since 1999, the Bolivarian Revolution has promoted and strengthened human rights in general terms and, more specifically the economic, social and cultural rights of women, and their organization and participation in community and political fields.
6. The Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, approved by the Venezuelan parliament in 1999, dignified the Venezuelan women and also established an inclusive and non-sexist language.

7. In regard to women's economic rights, the Bolivarian Constitution is unique in the world because in article 88, it recognizes domestic work "as an economic activity that creates added value and produces wealth and welfare. Housewives are entitled to social security in accordance with the law.
8. The Venezuelan Constitution also has enshrined in article 76 the right of women and couples to decide freely and responsibly in number of sons and daughters they want to conceive and to have the information and means to guarantee the exercise of this right.
9. Concerning the matter of recognizing the work of housewives and their right to social security, the Bolivarian Government of Venezuela has created social programs and institutions for the comprehensive protection and support for the socio-political inclusion of women in extreme poverty or social exclusion, such as the Women's Development Bank (Banmujer) and mission "Madres del Barrio Josefa Camejo Sánchez."
10. During the past 12 years of the Bolivarian Revolutionary Process various women's organizations have been created such as the:
 - Manuelita Saenz Movement
 - Women's Movement Clara Zetkin
 - Bolivarian Force of women Josefa Camejo
 - Bolivarian Association of First Ladies
 - Network of Women In High Positions of Government

These also include social and political organizations formed by revolutionary Women.

11. The revolutionary government led by President Hugo Chávez Frías has given historical recognition to the Venezuelan women through the creation of the Order of the Fatherland Heroines in one class, which is given by the head of state to feminine social activists.
12. President Chávez also promotes the recovery of the historical memory of the heroines of the country. In this context during the celebration of the international Women's Day in March 2002, a symbolic ceremony of incorporation of the Venezuelan heroine Josefa Camejo to the National Pantheon was done. The National Pantheon is also the resting ground of feminine heroes such as Luisa Cáceres de Arismendi, Teresa de la Parra and Teresa Careño.
13. The Bolivarian Government of Venezuela has also promoted the inclusion of Collectives and Social Movements regarding sexual diversity.

14. Finally, various government institutions worked together to strengthen social inclusion and comprehensive care for indigenous women and adolescents at risk.

15. The G.H.R.O is satisfied that the above-mentioned details are filled with ample evidence by which the Bolivarian Revolutionary Process continue to amplify human rights benefits to the women of Venezuela. We offer our compliments and encouragement to the Venezuelan Government on regards to the fore-mentioned human rights achievement.