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Good afternoon,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Embassy of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to share the attached statement on recent hostile actions by armed groups from the Venezuelan side of their border. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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**NOTE No. 547/2026**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and has the honour to request the assistance of the Embassy in transmitting the attached Note No. 548/2026, to the Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**NOTE No.:548/2026**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana presents its compliments to the Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and wishes to refer to two hostile attacks perpetrated by armed groups operating from the Venezuelan side of the border against members of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) along the Cuyuni River. The incidents occurred in the vicinity of Black Water, on two consecutive days, 20th April and 21st April 2026.

On 20th April 2026, at approximately 13:10 hours, a patrol travelling peacefully from Eteringbang to Makapa came under fire in the vicinity of Black Water along the Cuyuni River. The coordinates of the location of this unprovoked attack are 6°50'3.37"N - 60°38'57.53"W. The gunshots originated from an armed group on the Venezuelan side of the border. The GDF reacted, in defence, with a measured response before continuing on its journey.

On 21st April 2026, at approximately 16:25 hours, another peaceful GDF patrol traversing the Cuyuni River came under gunfire in the same area from members of an armed group on the Venezuelan side. Again, the GDF patrol exercised restraint and with measured defensive actions. At approximately 16:35 hours, as the patrol traversed the same area on its return journey, it came under fire a second time from the armed group.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana wishes to condemn, in the strongest terms, the aforementioned hostile and illegal attacks against ranks of the GDF carrying out their peaceful and lawful duties.

The Ministry requests that the Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela notify its authorities to conduct a full investigation into these incidents and to take appropriate measures to prevent Venezuelan territory from being used to carry out armed attacks against Guyanese military or civilian personnel that threaten their lives, impede the lawful activities of the Government of Guyana, and undermine the peace and security of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

The Ministry further requests that the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela puts in place effective measures to prevent any recurrence of such attacks and to avoid any further harm to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana. In this regard, the Ministry underscores the importance of maintaining peace and calm between our two neighbouring States.

The Ministry wishes to remind the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that, under international law, Venezuela is to prevent its territory from being used by its own

personnel or by private persons unaffiliated with the government in such manner as might cause harm to Guyana or its nationals. The Ministry urges the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as a matter of urgency, to immediately take appropriate action to fulfill this international obligation.

The Ministry wishes to emphasize that Guyana remains committed to peace, good neighbourliness and the maintenance of calm and stability between our two States. At the same time, Guyana expects that the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will act with urgency and seriousness to ensure that its territory is not used in any manner that threatens Guyana's security, its personnel and citizens or undermines peaceful relations between the two States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Honourable Ministry of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela the assurances of its highest consideration.

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