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CARACAS

Your Excellency,

It is with profound sadness that I learnt of the demise of His Excellency Professor Aristóbulo Istúriz Almeida, Minister of Popular Power for Education and Sectoral Vice President for Social and Territorial Socialism of Venezuela of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on 28 April 2021.

On behalf of Malaysia, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to you and through you to the bereaved family members of the late Vice President Aristóbulo Istúriz.

The late Vice President Aristóbulo Istúriz will always be remembered for his life's work in the education sector in Venezuela. He will be particularly remembered for his significant contributions in education programmes in Venezuela in early 2003 that successfully turned Venezuela into an "Illiteracy Free Territory" in 2005.

We join you and the Venezuelans in mourning the loss of an excellent teacher and politician. May his soul rest in peace, and may the family members of the late Vice President Aristóbulo Istúriz be given strength and solace in mourning this great loss.

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