

Caracas, July 6, 2026

Junta Directiva Central
2025-2027

To: **Dr. Joseph Haddad**, President

Dra. Elvia I. Badell Madrid
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Dr. Carlos G. Alonso Rivera, President-Elect

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Subject: Acknowledgement and Gratitude for Solidarity and Support Following the Recent Earthquake

Dra. María Castillo
Secretaria de Relaciones
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Dear Dr. Haddad, Dr. Alonso Rivera, and Dr. Thacker,

Dr. Julio César Márquez
Secretario de Información
y Difusión

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all members of the Venezuelan Pediatric Society, we express our profound gratitude for your letter of solidarity dated July 6, 2026, issued by the International Pediatric Association (IPA). During these challenging times following the earthquake that has impacted the eastern region of our country, the institutional support and empathy of the global pediatric community represent a vital pillar for our organization.

Your precise assessment regarding the multidimensional vulnerabilities that pediatric populations face during seismic disasters—ranging from acute physical trauma to systemic disruptions in healthcare access, immunization schedules, and psychological well-being—strictly aligns with our current clinical observations and field evaluations. The Venezuelan Pediatric Society remains fully mobilized, with our medical professionals and allied partners deploying emergency protocols to mitigate these risks and guarantee continuity of care under highly complex circumstances.

We highly value and accept the IPA's generous offer of cooperation. The coordination of humanitarian pediatric guidance, the facilitation of communication networks with international public health entities, and the potential deployment of specialized child-focused medical supplies and training will significantly bolster our local response capacity and long-term recovery strategies.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee of the IPA for their global leadership and commitment to the principle of "Every Child Every Age Everywhere". We look forward to establishing an active channel of communication with your Administrative Office to operationalize these collaborative efforts in the upcoming weeks.

With our highest consideration and respect,

Sincerely,

Venezuelan Pediatric Society Board of Directors

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