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To

The Board of Directors

Subject: Support for Pediatric Care Following the Recent Earthquake

Dear Members of the Venezuelan Pediatric Society,

On behalf of the International Pediatric Association, we are writing to express our deepest solidarity with the children, families, and healthcare professionals of Venezuela following the recent earthquake in the eastern region.

We recognize that disasters of this magnitude cause immediate and long-lasting harm to the health and wellbeing of children through injuries, disruptions to access to routine and emergency healthcare, risks of dehydration and infection, interruptions to immunization and chronic disease management, and the added psychological stress that often follows such events. We commend the work of your members and partners who are continuing to respond and provide pediatric care under extremely difficult circumstances.

The International Pediatric Association stands ready to support the Venezuelan Pediatric Society in any appropriate ways, including coordination of humanitarian pediatric guidance, facilitation of communication with international pediatric and public health partners, and support for the deployment of child-focused medical supplies and training resources where feasible.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for those affected and our sincere appreciation for the leadership of the Venezuelan Pediatric Society during this crisis. We remain committed to working with you to ensure that the pediatric needs of this moment and the recovery needs in the weeks and months ahead are addressed with urgency, compassion, and technical excellence.

With respect and support,

Sincerely,

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