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Mr. Rector,  
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Universidad de los Andes  
Venezuela

Known the decree recently issued regarding Venezuela's restrictions on public spending, I would like to make a consideration regarding the issue that there is on the use of Internet as a luxury expense.

I'm sure it is a mistake because I have no other explanation, but if it is not so, I think it is important, as Coordinator of the EELA2 Project - an e-Infrastructure project co-funded by the European Commission in its Seventh Framework Programme under the Grant Agreement number 223797 - to send a request to Venezuela to reconsider that part of the text and let the country continue to grow in communications, content, collaborative spaces and many services offered to the community through the Internet network, that are essential for the economic and social growth of Venezuela and any country.

I hope that this might be a letter of support for any action that your University may take it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bernard Marechal'.

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