V. The Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela

The Baptist World Alliance General Council, meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, July 5-7, 2017:

STATES its concerns at the climate of political and social instability and violence in Venezuela, which has led to a deteriorating socio-economic situation, including a shortage of food and medicines;

EXPRESSES compassion to all the Venezuelan people, and especially to fellow Baptists in the country;

CALLS on the Venezuelan authorities to allow humanitarian aid into the country, and to grant access to those who wish to assist the worst affected sectors of society;

CONDEMNS all forms of violence and calls for respect for democracy to guarantee a just way out of the grave situation affecting the nation;

PRAYS for all the people of Venezuela that peace will be recovered and internal divisions will cease.