

## International Communication

### Instructions for the Examinee



A. Length of exam: 3.5 hours

B. Structure of the exam:

Section One	40 points
Section Two	30 points
Section Three	30 points
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Total	100 points

C. Educational aids permitted: None

D. Special Instructions:

1. Answer the required number of questions. The evaluator will read and assess only the required number of questions, in the order they are written, and will not consider any additional answers.
2. Write your answer in English only.
3. To use the draft area (optional), click the icon  in the menu on the right.
4. To find the UDHR, click on the icon  in the menu on the right.

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### Section One (40 points)

Read or watch the speech and then answer **FOUR** of the questions 1–6.

Questions 1–6 refer to María Corina Machado's speech. Base your answers on the information that is either stated or implied in the speech. Answer only **FOUR** of the following questions.

#### Question 1 – Public Narrative (10 points)

- a. Name and define a public narrative that Maria Corina Machado utilizes in her speech.  
(5 pts.)

Type of public narrative:

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Definition:

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- b. Select an excerpt from the speech and explain how this excerpt demonstrates the public narrative you selected.  
(5 pts.)

The excerpt from the speech:

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Explain how this excerpt demonstrates the public narrative you have selected.

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**Question 2 – Human Rights** (10 points)

Find **TWO** human rights that have been violated, according to María Corina Machado's speech. Provide a quote and explain how this shows a human rights violation.

- a. i. Provide a quote and explain.

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- ii. Identify the Article number and human right in words from the UDHR.  
Refer to the Appendix for the articles of the UDHR.  
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(5 pts.)

- b. i. Provide a quote and explain.

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- ii. Identify the Article number and human right in words from the UDHR.  
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(5 pts.)

### Question 3 – Four Worlds (10 points)

Relate to lines 26–43 (“From the beginning... could build anything it dared to envision”).

Click [HERE](#) if you wish to open the clip of the video relevant to the question.

- a. In this excerpt, which of the Four Worlds is the most clearly evidenced?

Choose **ONE** World:

(5 pts.)

- Political
- Economic
- Cultural
- Social

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- b. Explain why you chose that World and support it with **ONE** example from the excerpt. Your explanation must demonstrate an understanding of that World.

(5 pts.)

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### Question 4 – Logos (10 points)

Relate the concept of Logos to lines 91–109 (“And then came the ruin... they forced us into exile”).

Click [HERE](#) if you wish to open the clip of the video relevant to the question.

- a. Explain María Corina Machado’s reasoning in these lines. Your explanation must demonstrate an understanding of Logos.

(5 pts.)

- b. What objective does María Corina Machado hope to achieve by using Logos in these lines?  
(5 pts.)

### Question 5 – Pathos (10 points)

Relate to lines 142–182 (“In May 2023... against all odds, Venezuela awoke”).

Click [HERE](#) if you wish to open the clip of the video relevant to the question.

- a. Select **ONE** quote from these lines that demonstrates María Corina Machado's use of Pathos.  
(5 pts.)

Provide the quote here:

- b. What emotion does María Corina Machado hope to evoke from her audience? What is her purpose in getting them to feel this emotion? Your answer must demonstrate an understanding of Pathos.  
(5 pts.)

### Question 6 – Leadership Style (10 points)

Relate to lines 276–335 (“And freedom is a choice... the future. Gracias”).

Click [HERE](#) if you wish to open the clip of the video relevant to the question.

- a. What type of Leadership Style does María Corina Machado most clearly demonstrate?

(5 pts.)

- b. Define the Leadership Style you have chosen, and explain how María Corina Machado exemplifies that style in this section, giving evidence from the text.

(5 pts.)

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## Section Two (30 points)

Read the article and then follow the instructions in the scenario. Answer BOTH questions 7 and 8.

### The Scenario

The University of Sussex Student Council is convening a panel regarding the increase of litter washing up on the Sussex County beaches.

Complete the **DEPP analysis** that will be given to the stakeholders on the panel as a background guide.

### Question 7 – DEPP Analysis (16 points)

- a. Define the **MAIN** problem.

(4 pts.)

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- b. Explain what caused the problem.

(4 pts.)

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- c. Predict what will happen if things continue as they are (use facts about the situation in the article to support your prediction).

(4 pts.)

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d. **Prescribe** what needs to be done.

(4 pts.)

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**Question 8 – Stakeholders** (14 points)

Decide whom you would invite to the panel the University of Sussex Student Council is convening to discuss the litter on the Sussex County beaches. **Identify FOUR stakeholders** who relate to your DEPP analysis. Each stakeholder must represent a different perspective. Explain why you have selected these individuals or representatives, making sure to refer to the specific problem.

**NOTE: Neither a University of Sussex Student Council member nor a journalist can be invited as a stakeholder.**

a. Stakeholder 1:

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Why?

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(3.5 pts.)

b. Stakeholder 2:

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Why?

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(3.5 pts.)

c. Stakeholder 3:

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Why?

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(3.5 pts.)

d. Stakeholder 4:

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Why?

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(3.5 pts.)

### Section Three (30 points)

Answer question 9.

#### Question 9 – SEET Essay (30 points)

Write a persuasive essay on **ONE** of the topics below, using the SEET format. In writing your essay, you are expected to refer to the relevant text and draw on any other prior knowledge you may have; however, you may not copy more than short phrases to support your arguments. Be sure to properly punctuate quotes, where necessary. Your essay should be about 250 words.

##### Topic 1: Evaluating Sources

Imagine you are an editor of *The Guardian* newspaper. You are reviewing the article "Why are onions turning up on Brighton beach?" Does this article meet the standard for responsible journalism? Relate to **TWO** of the IMVAIN criteria.

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##### Topic 2: Sovereignty versus Responsibility to Protect

On 3 January 2026, the United States launched a military strike in Venezuela and captured Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, putting an end to his 13-year "brutal dictatorship". Was this act justified? Relate to the principle of Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and the concept of Sovereignty. Make sure to connect it to María Corina Machado's speech.

The Nobel Lecture of  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2025  
María Corina Machado

*Delivered by Ana Corina Sosa Machado<sup>1</sup>*

Oslo, 10 December, 2025

Your Majesties, Your Royal Highnesses, distinguished members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, citizens of the world, my dear Venezuelans: I have come here to tell you a story: the story of a people and their long march toward freedom. This march brings me here today as one voice among millions of Venezuelans who rose, once again, to reclaim the destiny that was always theirs.

Venezuela was born of audacity, shaped by peoples and cultures intertwined. From Spain we inherited a language, a culture, and a faith that merged with ancestral Indigenous and African roots. In 1811, we wrote the first constitution in the Spanish-speaking world, one of the earliest republican constitutions on Earth, affirming the radical idea that every human being carries a sovereign dignity. This constitution enshrined citizenship, individual rights, religious liberty, and separation of powers. Our ancestors carried liberty on their backs. They crossed an entire continent, from the banks of the Orinoco to the heights of the Potosí, to help give rise to societies of free and equal citizens, out of the conviction that freedom is never whole unless it is shared.

From the beginning, we believed something simple and immense: that all human beings are born to be free. That conviction became our national soul. In the twentieth century, the earth opened: in 1922, the Reventón in La Rosa erupted for nine days: a fountain of oil and possibility. In peace, we turned that sudden wealth into an engine for knowledge and imagination. Through the ingenuity of our scientists, we eradicated disease. We built universities of global prestige, museums and concert halls, sent thousands of young Venezuelans abroad through scholarships, trusting that free minds would return as transformation. Our cities glowed with the kinetic art of Cruz-Diez and Soto. We forged steel, aluminum, and hydropower — proof that Venezuela could build anything it dared to

Why Are Onions Turning up on Brighton Beach?

*By Joe Coughlan*

The Guardian | 18 January 2026

Coral Evans was walking along the beach in Brighton on Tuesday evening when she came across an unfamiliar sight.

“Hundreds of dust masks had washed up, along with single-use plastic gloves and cans of dried milk,” she said. “It was odd to see in winter – because nothing surprises us in summertime with the amount of people on the beach.”

The Brighton resident returned the next day to find an even greater shock awaiting her: “There were onions everywhere, hundreds of thousands of onions.”

Evans, who is the founding director of the Leave No Trace Brighton community group, said the beach was littered with countless miscellaneous items<sup>1</sup> including single-use plastic coffee cup lids, unopened beer cans and vegetables such as sweet potatoes.

The spectacle spurred<sup>2</sup> her to post a call to arms on the group’s social media platforms, urging others to get involved with a litter pick on the beach.

Brighton and Hove city council said its officers collected 1.9 tonnes of waste from beaches on Thursday, nearly four times the usual amount collected at this time of year.

Alongside the various objects, Evans said that she noticed “huge portions” of shipping containers washing ashore with segments of polystyrene insulation.

She added that she was aware of an entire shipping container arriving ashore in Rottingdean, its insulation broken down and posing a risk to local marine life.

East Sussex county council said on Thursday it was aware of various debris<sup>3</sup> and the remains of shipping containers that had washed up along the region’s coastline in the past week

envision.

Venezuela also became a refuge. We opened  
45 our arms to migrants and exiles from every  
corner of the earth: Spaniards fleeing civil war;  
Italians and Portuguese escaping poverty and  
dictatorship; Jews after the Holocaust; Chileans,  
Argentinians, and Uruguayans escaping military  
50 regimes; Cubans escaping communism and  
families from Colombia, Lebanon and Syria  
seeking peace. We gave them homes, schools,  
safety. And they became Venezuelans. This is  
Venezuela.

55 We built a democracy that became the most  
stable in Latin America, and freedom unfolded as  
a creative force. But even the strongest  
democracy weakens when its citizens forget that  
freedom is not something we wait for, but  
60 something we become. It is a deliberate, personal  
choice, and the sum of those choices forms the  
civic ethos that must be renewed every day.

The concentration of oil revenues in the State  
created perverse incentives: it gave the  
65 government immense power over society which  
turned into privilege, patronage, and corruption.  
My generation was born in a vibrant democracy,  
and we took it for granted. We assumed freedom  
was as permanent as the air we breathed. We  
70 cherished our rights, but we forgot our duties.

I was raised by a father whose life's work —  
building, creating, serving — taught me that  
loving this country meant assuming responsibility  
for its future. By the time we recognized how  
75 fragile our institutions had become, a man who  
had once led a military coup to overthrow  
democracy, was elected president. Many thought  
charisma could substitute the rule of law. From  
1999 onward, the regime dismantled our  
80 democracy: violating the Constitution, falsifying  
our history, corrupting the military, purging  
independent judges, censoring the press,  
manipulating elections, persecuting dissent, and  
ravaging our extraordinary biodiversity. Oil wealth  
85 was not used to uplift, but to bind. Washing  
machines and refrigerators were handed out on  
national television to families living on dirt floors,  
not as progress but as spectacle. Apartments  
meant for social housing were handed to a select  
90 few as conditional rewards for obedience.

the region's coastline in the past week.

It added that it was working with the county's five  
40 district and borough councils<sup>4</sup> to arrange for the  
safe removal and disposal of the debris through  
contractors.

Meanwhile, beaches across West Sussex have  
experienced similar problems over the past  
45 month, with the situation having been worsened  
by the impact of Storm Goretta.

Donna Trethewey, founder of Selsey Beach Litter  
Ninjas, said there had been no reports of  
shipping containers or their contents washing up  
50 in her area for years, until three separate  
incidents in the past six weeks led to 24  
containers going overboard.

The first incident on 6 December last year  
involved 16 containers from the refrigerated  
55 cargo ship Baltic Klipper in the Solent, the stretch  
of water between the Isle of Wight and the British  
mainland.

"The original spillage saw seven containers  
washing up across our 7½ km [5 mile] beach ...  
60 Whole containers washed up and literally broke  
up before your eyes," Trethewey said.

She added that containers breaking down at sea  
had led to their contents, including produce such  
as bananas and avocados alongside their plastic  
65 packaging, being washed up ashore.

"We got as much of the big stuff as quickly as we  
possibly could before it broke down further, but  
there is still a large amount of small insulation  
foam pieces across the beach."

70 Trethewey said the group provided the litter it  
had collected to a contractor for West Sussex  
county council, who then took the items away for  
processing and eventual recycling.

The local authority said on Wednesday it was  
75 aware of debris from a container washing ashore  
at Elmer in Bognor Regis, but that weather and  
water conditions had made recovery operations  
difficult, while waste materials from a container  
had been reported ashore between West  
80 Wittering and Shoreham-by-Sea.

A report by the World Shipping Council ( WSC<sup>5</sup>)

And then came the ruin: obscene corruption; historic looting. During the regime's rule, Venezuela received more oil revenue than in the previous century combined. And it was all stolen.

95 Oil money became a tool to purchase loyalty abroad while at home criminal and international terrorist groups fused themselves to the state. The economy collapsed by more than 80%. Poverty surpassed 86%. Today nine million  
100 Venezuelans have been forced to flee. These are not statistics; they are open wounds.

Meanwhile, something deeper and more corrosive took place. It was a deliberate method: to divide society by ideology, by race, by origin,  
105 by ways of life; pushing Venezuelans to distrust one another, to silence one another, to see enemies in one another. They smothered us, they took us prisoners, they killed us, they forced us into exile.

110 It had been almost three decades of fighting against a brutal dictatorship. And we had tried everything: dialogues betrayed; protests of millions, crushed; elections perverted. Hope collapsed entirely, and belief in any kind of future  
115 became impossible. The idea of change seemed either naïve or crazy. Impossible.

Yet, from the very depths of that despair, a step that seemed modest, almost procedural, unleashed a force that changed the course of our  
120 history. We decided, against all odds, to run a primary election. An unlikely act of rebellion. We chose to trust the people. To rediscover one another, we traveled by road and by dirt path in a country with gasoline shortages, daily blackouts  
125 and collapsing communications. Forbidden from advertising, without money or media willing to speak our names, we crossed it armed only with conviction. Word of mouth was our network of hope, and it spread faster than any campaign.  
130 Because our desire for freedom was very much alive within us.

The forced migration that was meant to fracture us, instead united us around one sacred purpose: to reunite our families in our land.  
135 Grandparents confided in me their greatest fear: dying before meeting their grandchildren abroad; little girls, with voices too small for such sorrow, begged me to bring back their mothers and siblings scattered across continents. Our pain  
140 fused into one heartbeat: bring our children

last year found 576 shipping containers had been lost at sea across 2024, out of the more than 250m<sup>6</sup> transported.

85 Dr Simon Boxall, an academic in oceanography at the University of Southampton, recalled an incident in 1992 when plastic Friendly Floatees bath toys washed into the Pacific Ocean from a container ship and ended up distributed across  
90 the world, demonstrating how the global ocean network is connected.

"It is estimated that 2,200 containers fall off ships into the water each year. They are all being loaded on to ships so it's not unheard of for a  
95 crane operator<sup>7</sup> or system to slip and pop a container into the water," he said.

Boxall said that Southampton's reputation as the second biggest container port in Britain was a contributing factor to the issue, as well as the  
100 Channel being one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

"Regarding the south coast, it's not surprising we are seeing them as they have always been washing up. I can think of many cases over the  
105 years."

The wreckage from a shipping container on the MSC<sup>8</sup> Napoli on Branscombe Beach in January 2007 saw several BMW motorcycles, among other goods, allegedly claimed by opportunistic  
110 scavengers<sup>9</sup>.

The lecturer highlighted threats to wildlife through the spilling of herbicides, pesticides and acids, with hazards to navigation also posed due to the containers floating just below the surface  
115 of the water.

An Environment Agency spokesperson said it was closely monitoring the potential impact of washed-up containers in Sussex to wildlife and water.

120 Members of the public have also been asked not to touch, move or take any washed-up waste or produce and to keep children and animals away.

Despite the longstanding problem, a change in legislation could see the tide starting to turn.

home, now.

In May 2023, during a rally in the small town of Nirgua, a teacher named Carmen came up to me. She told me she had just run into her Jefa de Calle: a regime agent assigned to Carmen's block who decides, house by house, who receives a monthly food bag and who is punished with hunger. Shocked to see this woman there, Carmen had asked her "Why are you here?" The Jefa de Calle replied: "My only son, who fled to Peru, asked me to be here today. He told me that if you win, he will return home. Tell me what I have to do." That day, love defeated fear.

Two weeks later, we reached Delicias, a tiny village swallowed by Colombian guerrillas and drug traffickers, where not even a chicken can be sold without criminal permission. No candidate had gone there since 1978. As we climbed the mountain, I saw Venezuelan flags waving from every humble home. I naïvely asked if it was a national holiday. Someone whispered: "No. Here the flag stays hidden. Bringing it out is dangerous. Today people raised it to thank you for daring to come. You will leave... but we will remain, identified." Entire families stood up to the armed groups that ruled their lives. And when we sang the national anthem together, sovereignty returned in a single, fragile, defiant chorus. That day, courage defeated oppression.

Our gatherings became intimate encounters of thousands. We embraced, we cried, we prayed. We understood our struggle was much more than electoral. It was an ethical struggle for truth, an existential struggle for life, and a spiritual struggle for good. With less than a year before the presidential election, we had to unite every democratic force and restore trust in the vote. The primaries became that moment: a self-organized civic effort that built a nationwide citizen network unlike anything Venezuela had ever seen. On October 22, 2023, against all odds, Venezuela awoke.

The diaspora, a third of our nation, reclaimed its right to vote. The son who left cast his ballot alongside the mother who stayed. Lines stretched for blocks. Turnout was so overwhelming that ballots ran out. We trusted the people, and they trusted us back. What began as a mechanism to legitimize leadership became the rebirth of a

<sup>125</sup> The International Maritime Organization, working alongside the WSC, have introduced a law this year that forces shipping companies to report any containers which have been lost at sea.

Boxall said: "As of 1 January, it is a criminal offence to not report the loss of a container. The issue is not being treated as a witch-hunt, but rather a way of logging what happens."

Regarding the onion spectacle on Brighton Beach, Evans said she would welcome moves to see shipping companies taking responsibility in clearing their debris.

"It's only a few containers to them but it displaces whole communities. Surfers and swimmers have been advised not to enter the water, and there's no sign of the containers' owners getting involved to clear the mess."

Despite the ordeal, Evans has said the situation has been a great opportunity for the community to come together, with up to 400 local people volunteering to collect waste over the week.

"We have 7½ miles of beach here in Brighton. Three days later, it was absolutely clear.

"Out of everything that's happened, we've definitely galvanised<sup>10</sup> the community through this. You know what they say: when life gives you onions ..."

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1 Miscellaneous items: items of various types

2 Spectacle: a dramatic or unusual event; spurred: motivated

3 Debris: scattered pieces of waste

4 District and borough councils: decision- or law-making bodies of different regions

5 The World Shipping Council (WSC) is a non-profit trade association representing the liner shipping industry. It works with the European Union to promote safe, secure, and sustainable shipping including improved cargo safety and the transition to green fuels and zero emissions.

6 250m: 250 million

7 Crane operator: person who controls a large heavy machine, used for lifting and moving large objects

8 MSC (Mediterranean Shipping Company) is a global container shipping company and, as of early 2022, the largest container shipping line in the world. It operates hundreds of vessels on major international trade routes, in more than 150 countries.

9 Scavengers: people who search for items that have been discarded

10 Galvanised: excited into taking action

190 nation's confidence in itself. That day, I received a  
mandate: a responsibility that transcended any  
individual ambition. I felt humbled and  
profoundly aware of the weight with which I had  
been entrusted. Threatened by that truth, the  
195 regime prohibited me from running for president.  
It was a harsh blow, but mandates belong to the  
people.

So we set out to find another candidate who  
could take my place. Edmundo González Urrutia  
200 stepped forward: a calm, brave former diplomat.  
The regime believed he posed no threat. They  
underestimated the resolve of millions of citizens  
— a plural, vibrant society that, in all its diversity,  
found unity in a common purpose. Communities,  
205 political parties, unions, students, and civil society  
stood together and worked as one so that the  
voice of a nation could be heard.

We were three months from Election Day, and  
almost no one knew his name. But votes were not  
210 enough; we had to defend them. For over a year,  
we had been building the infrastructure to do so:  
600,000 volunteers across 30,000 polling stations;  
apps to scan QR codes, digital platforms,  
diaspora call centers. We deployed scanners,  
215 Starlink antennas, and laptops hidden inside fruit  
trucks to the furthest corners of Venezuela.  
Technology became a tool for freedom. Secret  
training sessions were held at dawn in church  
backrooms, kitchens, and basements, using  
220 printed materials that were moved across  
Venezuela like contraband.

Finally, Election Day arrived on July 28, 2024.  
Before dawn, lines wrapped around blocks. A  
quiet, trembling hope filled the air. Our live  
225 tracking showed turnout rising across every state  
and town. And then the electoral tally sheets —  
the famous actas, the sacred proof of the  
people's will began to appear: first by phone,  
then WhatsApp, then photographed, then  
230 scanned, and finally carried by hand, by mule, by  
canoe. They arrived from everywhere, across  
Venezuela, an eruption of truth, because  
thousands of citizens risked their freedom to  
protect them.

235 Confronted with our overwhelming victory, the  
regime issued a desperate order: soldiers were to  
expel our volunteers from voting centers and  
block them from receiving the original tally  
sheets they were legally entitled to. But the

sheets they were legally entitled to. But the  
240 soldiers disobeyed. Edmundo González Urrutia  
won with 67% of the vote. In every state, city,  
village, every single tally sheet told the same  
story. Within hours, they were digitized and  
published on websites for the world to see.

245 The dictatorship responded with terror. 2,500  
people kidnapped, disappeared, tortured. Homes  
marked. Entire families taken as hostages. Priests,  
teachers, nurses, students, anyone who dared  
share a tally sheet was hunted down. These are  
250 crimes against humanity, documented by the  
United Nations. State terrorism, deployed to bury  
the will of the people. Some of the more than 220  
children detained after the elections were  
electrocuted, beaten, and suffocated until they  
255 repeated the lie the regime needed, falsely  
incriminating themselves of being paid by me to  
protest. Women and girls in prison are right now  
being forced into sexual slavery, made to endure  
abuse in exchange for a family visit, a meal, or the  
260 chance to take a bath.

And yet, the Venezuelan people did not  
surrender. During these past sixteen months in  
clandestinity, we have built new networks of civic  
pressure and disciplined disobedience, preparing  
265 for Venezuela's orderly transition to democracy.  
That is how we reach this day, a day carrying the  
echo of millions who stand at the threshold of  
freedom.

This prize carries profound meaning; it reminds  
270 the world that democracy is essential to peace.  
And more than anything, what we Venezuelans  
can offer the world is the lesson forged through  
this long and difficult journey: that to have  
democracy, we must be willing to fight for  
275 freedom.

And freedom is a choice that must be renewed  
everyday, measured by our willingness and our  
courage to defend it. For this reason, the cause of  
Venezuela transcends our borders. A people who  
280 choose freedom contribute not only to  
themselves, but to humanity. We attain freedom  
only when we refuse to turn our backs on  
ourselves; when we confront the truth directly, no  
matter how painful; when love for what truly  
285 matters in life gives us the strength to persevere  
and to prevail. Only through that inner alignment  
— that vital integrity — do we rise to meet our  
destiny. Only then do we become who we truly

are, able to live a life worthy of being lived. Along  
290 this march to freedom, we gained profound  
certainties of the soul — truths that have given  
our lives a deeper meaning and prepared us to  
build a great future in peace. Therefore, peace is  
ultimately an act of love. This love has already set  
295 our future in motion. Venezuela will breathe  
again. We will open prison doors and watch  
thousands who were unjustly detained step into  
the warm sun, embraced at last by those who  
never stopped fighting for them. We will see  
300 grandmothers settle children on their laps to tell  
them stories not of distant forefathers, but of  
their own parents' courage. We will see our  
students debate ideas passionately and without  
fear, their voices rising freely at last. We will hug  
305 again. Fall in love again. Hear our streets fill with  
laughter and music again. And all the simple joys  
in the world that we have taken for granted will  
be ours.

My dear Venezuelans, the world has marvelled  
310 at what we have achieved. And soon it will  
witness one of the most moving sights of our  
time: our loved ones coming home — and I will  
stand again on the Simón Bolívar bridge, where I  
once cried among the thousands who were  
315 leaving, and welcome them back into the  
luminous life that awaits us. Because in the end,  
our journey towards freedom has always lived  
inside us. We are returning to ourselves. We are  
returning home. Allow me to honor the heroes of  
320 this journey: Our political prisoners, the  
persecuted, their families, and all who defend  
human rights; those who sheltered us, fed us, and  
risked everything to protect us; the journalists  
who refused silence, the artists who carried our  
325 voice; my exceptional team, my mentors, my  
fellow political and social activists; the leaders  
around the world who joined us and defended  
our cause; my three children, my adored father,  
my mother, my three sisters, my brave and loving  
330 husband, who've all supported me throughout  
my life; and above all, the millions of anonymous  
Venezuelans who risked their homes, their  
families, and their lives out of love. To them  
belongs this honor. To them belongs this day. To  
335 them belongs the future. Gracias.

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1 This is Maria Corina Machado's speech, delivered by her daughter, Ana.