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Marcial PEREZ Chiriboga  
(Phonetic: PEHrehhs)

VENEZUELA

Ambassador to the United States (since July 1979)

Addressed as:  
Mr. Ambassador



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Pérez is a career diplomat who has risen rapidly in his chosen field: he became an ambassador (to the Netherlands) in 1974, when he was only 36. He has long had a close relationship with President Luis Herrera. The son of a diplomat, Pérez spent most of his youth in the United States [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He believes that his country's foreign policy goals should be the maintenance of its territorial integrity, expansion of trade, and increased influence in international affairs. He has been willing to discuss Venezuelan policies toward the Caribbean [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Pérez has been concurrently accredited to the Bahamas since December 1979. [REDACTED]

Pérez holds a law degree from Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas and a Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of International Studies of the University of Geneva (1965). He has been a member of the Social Christian Party (COPEI) since his student days, and early in his diplomatic career he was active in party youth affairs. During 1969-73 Pérez was director of international policy, the third-ranking position in the Foreign Ministry. In that post, he quickly gained a reputation for being well informed and objective. [REDACTED]

Bilingual in English and Spanish, Pérez also speaks fluent French. He is 43 years old. Married, he has two children. [REDACTED]

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