U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Exhibit A
To Registration Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO. 1105-0003

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Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently.

1. Name and address of registrant
Arnold & Porter
555 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

2. Registration No.
1750

3. Name of foreign principal
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

4. Principal address of foreign principal
Ministry of Finance
Avenida Urdantea, Esquina de Carmelitas
Edficio Sede del Ministerio de Finanzas
Caracas, Venezuela

5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

☒ Foreign government

☐ Foreign political party

☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
- ☐ Partnership
- ☐ Committee
- ☐ Corporation
- ☐ Voluntary group
- ☐ Association
- ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

☐ Individual-State nationality _____

6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant. Ministry of Finance

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals. Finance Minister Nelson Jose Merentes Diaz

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state: N/A

a) Principal address.

b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals.

c) Principal aim

8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party, N/A

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal

b) Is this foreign principal

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐
Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal	Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

N/A

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it. N/A

Date of Exhibit A	Name and Title	Signature
August 20, 2001	E. Whitney Debevoise, Esq.	E. Whitney Debevoise

CONVENIO DE ASESORIA JURIDICA
PARA EL MINISTERIO DE FINANZAS
DE LA REPUBLICA BOLIVARIANA DE VENEZUELA
EN MATERIA DE CREDITO PUBLICO

Entre la República Bolivariana de Venezuela por órgano del Ministerio de Finanzas, representada en este acto por su titular Dr. JOSÉ ALEJANDRO ROJAS RAMIREZ, en su carácter de Ministro de Finanzas, según consta en Decreto No. 198 del 02 de julio de 1999, publicado en la Gaceta Oficial de la República de Venezuela No. 36.735 de la misma fecha, quien en lo sucesivo se denominará "EL MINISTERIO," por una parte y por la otra el Escritorio Jurídico ARNOLD & PORTER, representado por el ciudadano MARK STUMPF de nacionalidad Estadounidense, pasaporte No. 015299567, debidamente autorizado según consta en comunicación de esa firma de fecha 20 de diciembre de 2000, quien en lo sucesivo se denominará "EL ASESOR," se ha convenido en celebrar el siguiente Convenio de Asesoría:

CLAUSULA PRIMERA: OBJETO:

EL ASESOR se compromete a asistir y asesorar a EL MINISTERIO en todos los aspectos legales relacionados con el crédito público externo, incluyendo las contrataciones y el financiamiento de la deuda pública externa de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela y en general, prestar la asesoría legal vinculada con el objeto principal del presente contrato o cualquier otro asunto jurídico o extra-jurídico de carácter financiero en que tenga interés la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, de conformidad con las leyes de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela siempre que sea autorizado previamente por EL MINISTERIO.

CLAUSULA SEGUNDA: HONORARIOS PROFESIONALES:

EL MINISTERIO pagará a EL ASESOR, por concepto de Honorarios Profesionales derivados de este Convenio, en atención a los trabajos encomendados por EL MINISTERIO y efectivamente realizados por EL ASESOR, durante la vigencia del presente contrato, hasta un monto máximo que no excederá de DOS MILLONES DE DOLARES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA (US$2.000.000,00), los cuales serán pagaderos en Dólares de los Estados Unidos Norteamericanos, con exclusividad a cualquiera otra moneda. No obstante lo acordado en esta cláusula, si surgíera alguna operación significativa de financiamiento de deuda externa con estructuras complejas, dicho monto será aumentado para reflejar los costos de la operación. En este caso el monto máximo autorizado en esta cláusula será incrementado por la cantidad de UN MILLON DOSCIENTOS MIL DOLARES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA (US$1.200.000,00) que como consecuencia incrementará el monto máximo a ser pagado por concepto de honorarios profesionales hasta la cantidad de TRES MILLONES DOSCIENTOS MIL DOLARES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA (US$3.200.000,00), los cuales serán pagaderos en Dólares de los

Estados Unidos de America, con exclusividad a cualquiera otra moneda.

CLAUSULA TERCERA: FACTURACION:

Los honorarios profesionales serán facturados en atención a las tarifas (horas/hombre) del personal de que dispone EL ASESOR para el cumplimiento del presente contrato; tarifa esta que como "Anexo A" forma parte integrante del presente contrato. EL ASESOR facturará los honorarios causados por los servicios prestados que le hayan sido solicitados por EL MINISTERIO de la siguiente manera:

(a) En la factura se deberá indicar, el tipo de personal profesional utilizado y el tiempo empleado para cada trabajo; lo cual se hará tomando en cuenta las tarifas indicadas en el Anexo A del presente contrato.

(b) En la factura se deberá indicar, en forma precisa y detallada, el tipo de trabajo encomendado y ejecutado.

CLAUSULA CUARTA: GASTOS DEL CONVENIO, PASAJES Y VIATICOS:

EL MINISTERIO conviene en pagarle a EL ASESOR por los gastos, pasajes y viáticos en que hubiera efectivamente incurrido en la ejecución y vigencia del presente contrato hasta por un monto máximo de UN MILLON DE DOLARES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA (US$ 1.000.000,00), los cuales seran pagaderos en dólares de los Estados Unidos Norteamericanos, con exclusividad a cualquiera otra moneda.

4.1) GASTOS ADMINISTRATIVOS

Conjuntamente con la facturación de honorarios a que se hace referencia en la cláusula anterior, EL ASESOR presentará a EL MINISTERIO una relación detallada de los gastos en que hubiera incurrido en la ejecución de los trabajos encomendados de conformidad con el presente contrato, tales como: teléfono, telex, fax, impresión y otros similares; dicha relación y factura de gastos deberá indicar la identificación del tipo de gasto incurrido con especificación del trabajo encomendado a que corresponda.

CLAUSULA QUINTA:

Las partes convienen en que tanto las facturaciones por concepto de Honorarios Profesionales como por gastos serán hechas por EL ASESOR por meses calendarios vencidos y de acuerdo a los servicios prestados y gastos incurridos.

CLAUSULA SEXTA: SOLICITUD DE LOS TRABAJOS DE ASESORIA:

Para el reconocimiento de los trabajos que realice EL ASESOR para EL MINISTERIO en cumplimiento del presente contrato, se requerirá constancia de que los mismos hayan sido solicitados expresamente por EL MINISTERIO a través de uno cualquiera de los siguientes funcionarios: (a) El Ministro de Finanzas; (b) El Director General de Finanzas Públicas; (c) o los funcionarios a quienes estos destinen para tales efectos; o los funcionarios a quienes el Ministro de Finanzas o el Director General de Finanzas Públicas designe a tal efecto.

CLAUSULA SEPTIMA: NOTIFICACIONES:

A los efectos de las notificaciones, autorizaciones o comunicaciones, entre las partes, a que se refiere este convenio, las mismas deberán hacerse en forma escrita, vía correo, personal, telefax o por cualquier otro medio donde quede constancia expresa y escrita en ese sentido.

A los efectos de la presente cláusula las direcciones de las partes son las siguientes:

EL MINISTERIO:

Dirección General de Finanzas Públicas
Ministerio de Finanzas
Edificio Ministerio de Hacienda
Avenida Urdaneta, Esquina de Carmelitas
Caracas, Venezuela
Telf: (582) 802-1883
Fax: (582) 802-1893

EL ASESOR

Escritorio Arnold & Porter
555 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Telf: (202)942-5000, Fax: (202)942-5999

Cualquier cambio de dirección deberá ser notificado a la otra parte a la brevedad posible.

CLAUSULA OCTAVA: DOCUMENTACION DERIVADA DEL CONTRATO:

En virtud de que son por cuenta de EL MINISTERIO todos los gastos en que incurre EL ASESOR en ejecución del presente convenio de asesoría, queda entendido que la propiedad de los documentos, informes, opiniones y demás resultados de su ejecución son propiedad de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela.

En todo caso, EL ASESOR se obliga a mantener los originales de la documentación en referencia bajo su guarda y a disposición de EL MINISTERIO.

CLAUSULA NOVENA: CONFIDENCIALIDAD:

EL ASESOR se obliga a guardar la más amplia y estricta confidencialidad sobre los trabajos, consultas, informes u otros que le fueran encomendados o requeridos por EL MINISTERIO en ejecución del presente Convenio.

CLAUSULA DECIMA: CURSOS DE ACTUALIZACION:

Con la finalidad de lograr un mayor intercambio de información que facilite la ejecución de esta asesoría y la ejecución jurídico financiera de las operaciones de crédito público de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela en el exterior, EL ASESOR se compromete a suministrar a EL MINISTERIO, en la medida de sus posibilidades, un programa de cursos de actualización o entrenamiento legal para personal profesional de EL MINISTERIO. Dichas actividades se harán sobre la materia objeto del presente convenio y se llevaría a cabo en la sede donde EL ASESOR realice sus trabajos; los mismos serán de corta duración y se podrá nominar un máximo de dos profesionales por curso.

Los costos en que se pueda incurrir por tales conceptos serán con cargo al presente contrato, deberán ser estimados previamente por EL ASESOR y sometidos a la aprobación previa de EL MINISTERIO.

CLAUSULA DECIMA PRIMERA: CONTRATACION DE OTRAS CONSULTORAS POR EL ASESOR:

EL MINISTERIO conviene en que en caso de que por la naturaleza de los trabajos encomendados EL ASESOR considerase necesario la contratación de otras empresas consultoras, se procederá de la siguiente manera:

11.1) EL ASESOR notificará a EL MINISTERIO la necesidad de contratar una determinada firma consultora para un caso específico.

11.2) En dicha propuesta se indicará la identificación de la referida firma consultora propuesta, y, en cuanto la medida de lo posible, la experiencia o conveniencia de tal contratación, y el monto estimado de los honorarios que dicha firma cobraría por los trabajos a realizarse.

11.3) Con base a los elementos antes indicados EL MINISTERIO otorgará, en forma previa, su conformidad expresa, si tal fuera el caso.

CLAUSULA DECIMA SEGUNDA: VIGENCIA:

Este Convenio empezará a regir a partir del 1 de enero de 2001 hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2001. EL MINISTERIO se reservará el derecho de rescindir unilateralmente este Convenio en cualquier momento, con la sola notificación dada por escrito a EL ASESOR, con treinta (30) días de antelación. EL ASESOR conviene que tal decisión por parte de EL MINISTERIO no generará indemnización alguna en su contra, derivada de ese concepto. No obstante, en caso de producirse la rescisión unilateral anticipada quedarán vigentes y pendientes las obligaciones de pago o de hacer efectivamente causadas para esa fecha.

CLAUSULA DECIMA TERCERA: JURISDICCION:

Cualquier divergencia o controversia que pudiera surgir acerca de la interpretación o ejecución del presente Convenio, será decidida por los Tribunales de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, de conformidad con sus leyes.

Se hacen 2 ejemplares de un mismo tenor y a un solo efecto en Caracas, a los 23 días del mes de Julio de 2001.

Por "EL MINISTERIO"

JOSÉ ALEJANDRO ROJAS RAMIREZ

Por "EL ASESOR"

MARK STUMPF

ANEXO A

Tarifas del Personal Profesional
Aplicables en 2001 (en U.S. Dolares)

Categoría de Personal	Tarifa por Hora
Socios	Entre $330 y $490
Consejeros	Entre $315 y $340
Abogados Asociados	Entre $155 y $310
Paraprofesionales	Entre $40 y $225

Agreement for Legal Counsel to the Ministry of Finance
Of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Matters of Public Credit

Between the Ministry of Finance of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, represented in this act by JOSÉ ALEJANDRO ROJAS RAMIREZ, Minister of Finances, as evidenced in Decree No. 198 of July 2, 1999, published in the Republic of Venezuela's Official Gazette No. 36.735 of the same date, ("THE MINISTRY"); and ARNOLD & PORTER, represented by MARK STUMPF, a citizen of the United States of America, passport No. 015299567, duly authorized to enter into this agreement by letter dated December 20, 2000, ("THE COUNSEL"), it has been agreed to enter into the following Agreement for Legal Counsel.

Article 1: Purpose

THE COUNSEL hereby agrees to provide counseling to THE MINISTRY with all legal aspects of the external public credit, including agreements and financing, of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's public external debt, and generally provide legal counsel on all aspects related to the purposes of this agreement or any other legal or non-legal matter of a financial nature which the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela may be interested in, in conformity with the laws of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as long as it is previously authorized by THE MINISTRY.

Article 2: Counsel Fees

THE MINISTRY will pay THE COUNSEL the fees derived from the counseling requested by THE MINISTRY, and effectively provided by THE COUNSEL, during the period in which this contract is in force, not exceeding TWO MILLION U.S. DOLLARS (US$2,000,000.00), paid in no other currency than U.S. Dollars. Nevertheless, the agreed upon details in this article, if some significant operation of external debt refinancing with complex structures presents itself, said amount will be increased to reflect the costs of the operation. In this case the maximum amount authorized in this article would be increased by ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS (US$1,200,000.00), which as a consequence will increase the maximum amount to be paid by way of honorary professionals up to the amount of THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS (US$3,200,000.00), paid in no other currency than U.S. Dollars.

Article 3: Billing

Counsel fees will be billed in accordance with the rates (person/hours) for THE COUNSEL'S personnel involved pursuant to this agreement, as described in Annex A of this agreement. THE COUNSEL will bill the fees for services required by THE MINISTRY in the following manner:

(a) The bill must indicate the category of professional involved in the work and the time spent for each task; which will be in accordance with the rates described in Annex A of the given agreement.

(b) The bill must also indicate, in a precise and detailed manner, the type of work requested and carried out.

Article 4: Expenses of the agreement, transportation and travel expenses

The MINISTRY agrees to reimburse THE COUNSEL for all expenses, including transportation fares and travel expenses incurred in connection with this agreement, up to a maximum amount of ONE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS (US$1,000,000.00), paid in no other currency than U.S. Dollars.

4. 1. Administrative expenses
Together with the billing of counsel fees described in the previous article, THE COUNSEL will provide THE MINISTRY with a detailed description of the expenses incurred in connection with this agreement such as telephone, telex, fax, printing and others. This description and billing must specify the types of expenses and the required tasks to which they relate.

Article 5:

The parties hereby agree that billing for counsel fees and expenses will be done by THE COUNSEL at the end of each calendar month, and in accordance with services rendered and expenses incurred.

Article 6: Request for Counsel

Any work performed by THE COUNSEL for THE MINISTRY in connection with this agreement, will require a certification that the work has been requested by THE MINISTRY through any of the following public officials: (a) The Minister of Finances; (b) The General Director of Public Finances; (c) or the public officials expressly authorized for this purpose by The Minister of Finances Minister or the General Director of Public Finances.

Article 7: Communications

All communications, notifications and authorizations among the parties in connection with this agreement shall be made in written form, by mail, personal delivery, telefax or by any other manner in which written confirmation may be made.

For the purposes of this article, the addresses of the parties are as follows:

THE MINISTRY

Dirección General de Finanzas Publicas
Ministerio de Finanzas
Edificio Ministerio de Hacienda
Avenida Urdaneta, Esquina de Carmelitas
Caracas, Venezuela
Telephone: (582) 802-1883
Fax: (582) 802-1893

THE COUNSEL

Arnold & Porter
555 12TH Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004
Telephone: (202) 942-5000
Fax: (202) 942-5999

Any change of address must be notified as soon as possible to the other party.

Article 8: Documentation produced in accordance with the agreement

Since THE MINISTRY is responsible for all of THE COUNSEL'S expenses arising from this agreement, it is understood that The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is the sole owner of the documents, briefs, opinions and other results arising from this agreement.

THE COUNSEL will keep this original documentation, and it will be at the disposal of THE MINISTRY.

Article 9: Confidentiality

THE COUNSEL hereby agrees to keep in absolute and strict confidentiality the works, briefs and other tasks required from THE COUNSEL by THE MINISTRY pursuant to this agreement.

Article 10: Professional Development

For the purpose of achieving further exchange of information in order to facilitate the carrying out of this agreement and the carrying out of The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela's foreign public credit operations from a legal and financial standpoint, THE COUNSEL hereby agrees to provide, to the extent reasonably practicable, a program of professional development courses or legal training for THE MINISTRY'S professional personnel. These courses shall relate to the subject matters covered by this agreement, and shall take place in the headquarters of THE COUNSEL. The courses will be of short duration and a maximum of two professionals shall be nominated to participate in each of them.

The costs that may be incurred in connection with these courses will be charged under this agreement, and should be estimated in advance by THE COUNSEL and submitted to THE MINISTRY for its prior approval.

Article 11: Use of other consultants by THE COUNSEL

THE MINISTRY agrees that in the case that, due to the specific nature of the work requested from THE COUNSEL, THE COUNSEL deems it necessary to engage other consultants, it will proceed in the following manner:

11.1) THE COUNSEL will notify THE MINISTRY of the need to engage a specific consulting firm for a specific case.

11.2) In this proposal, the firm of consultants to be engaged must be duly identified and, if possible, the consultant's relevant experience or the reasons for the need to engage them, as well as the estimated amount of fees that such consulting firm would charge for its services must also be included.

11.3) Based on the above factors, THE MINISTRY will give its approval, which shall be given in advance.

Article 12: Entry into force

This agreement will enter into force on January 1st, 2001 until December 31st, 2001. THE MINISTRY will reserve the right to unilaterally terminate this contract at any time subject only to the giving of at least thirty (30) days advance notice. THE COUNSEL agrees that such a decision by THE MINISTRY will not give rise to any claim for indemnification against THE MINISTRY arising from such termination. However, in case the contract is terminated unilaterally prior to its stated termination date, all unpaid amounts and other obligations outstanding at the date of termination on behalf of THE MINISTRY will remain fully in force.

Article 13: Jurisdiction

Any conflict or controversy arising from the interpretation or execution of this agreement will be decided by the Courts of The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and according to Venezuelan legislation.

2 similar copies to the same effect are made in Caracas, on the 23d day of July, 2001.

For THE MINISTRY
JOSÉ ALEJANDRO ROJAS RAMIREZ

For THE COUNSEL
MARK STUMPF

Annex A

Rates for the Professional Personnel
Applicable in 2001 (in U.S. Dollar)

Category of Personnel	Rate per hour
Partners	Between $330 and $490
Of Counsel	Between $315 and $340
Associates	Between $155 and $310
Paralegals	Between $40 and $225

CERTIFICATE

I, Maria Paula Garcia Tufro, hereby certify that I am competent to translate from Spanish into English, and that the translation of the Agreement for Legal Counsel to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in matters of Public Credit, attached hereto, is true and accurate.

Maria Paula Garcia Tufro

City of Washington)
) ss:
District of Columbia)

Subscribed and sworn to by Maria Paula Garcia Tufro this 17th day of August, 2001.

Notary Public

DEBRA G. PAPE
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires October 31, 2002

My commission expires: _____