VENEZUELA CONSTITUTION

Article 21: All persons are equal before the law, and, consequently:

- 1. No discrimination based on race, sex, creed or social standing shall be permitted, nor, in general, any discrimination with the intent or effect of nullifying or encroaching upon the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on equal terms, of the rights and liberties of every individual.
- 2. The law shall guarantee legal and administrative conditions such as to make equality before the law real and effective manner; shall adopt affirmative measures for the benefit of any group that is discriminated against, marginalized or vulnerable; shall protect in particular those persons who, because of any of the aforementioned circumstances, are in a manifestly weak position; and shall punish those who abuse or mistreat such persons.
- 3. People will only be officially addressed as Citizens, except for diplomatic forms.
- 4. No titles of nobility or hereditary distinctions shall be recognized.