

**Question for written answer E-000620/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - Statement by the High Representative on Venezuela

In December 2014 the High Representative said she was 'deeply concerned' about the political situation in Venezuela and referred specifically to the 'sustained arbitrary detentions of opposition leaders and students'.

What the High Representative did not refer to in her statement were the victims of the violence that demonstrators initiated in February 2014, which culminated in the death of members of the law enforcement agencies.

1. Is the double standard applied by the High Representative part of a political strategy or is she unaware of this circumstance?
2. Is the High Representative considering supporting solutions to the present situation that deviate from what is presently lawful in Venezuela?
3. Does the High Representative not consider that her statement constitutes interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign country?