

**Question for written answer E-003350/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Persecution of democratic opposition in Venezuela

Following the persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in December 2014 calling on the High Representative / Vice-President, Federica Mogherini, the EEAS and the EU delegation to call for the immediate release of the protesters who had been arbitrarily arrested since the start of the protests, as well as to continue to observe the investigations and the trial hearings of opposition leaders.

However, in February 2015, Venezuelan authorities arrested Antonio Ledezma, the mayor of Caracas, who is known to be a very vocal opposition leader. This happened on the anniversary of the start of protests against Maduro's rule that left dozens of people dead.

What were the actions undertaken by the EEAS and the EU delegation in this regard following the adoption of the EP resolution on the persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela in December 2014?