

Question for written answer E-005008/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Compulsory celebration of 'Anti-imperialist Day' in Venezuelan schools

The Ministry of Education in Venezuela has ordered public schools and colleges to celebrate an 'Anti-imperialist Day' on Thursday and Friday 12 and 13 March 2015, following the imposition of sanctions against members of the Venezuelan Government by the United States. Schools were asked to collect signatures against US 'aggression' and to hang the Venezuelan flag up in classrooms.

Is the VP/HR aware that the action taken by the Venezuelan Minister of Education, Héctor Rodríguez, is contrary to Article 26 of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, which states that 'Education shall be directed to [...] the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; it shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations [...]'?

What measures will the VP/HR adopt to react to the use of public education as a means of indoctrination and ideologising in Venezuela?