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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Adverse effect of sanctions in the destabilisation of Venezuela

Venezuela has held three elections (constituent, regional and municipal) in the past six months. The opposition took part in all these elections, from which parties supporting the Bolivarian government emerged the clear winners. Moreover, the main government party, the PSUV, strengthened its position as the country's foremost political force.

What is more, both the government and the opposition are taking part in talks being held in the Dominican Republic. The EU, however, continues to act against the well-being of the Venezuelan people by pushing forward its destabilising policy of refusing to acknowledge the popular and democratic processes taking place in Venezuela.

What is the political and legal justification behind the EU following Washington's lead and trying to impose sanctions which, in the end, only hurt the Venezuelan people?

Why does the EU continue to insist on destabilising Venezuela when even the country's opposition has acknowledged that the recent elections were democratic and constitutional?