

**Question for written answer E-007880/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Free elections in Venezuela

On 13 December, the European Parliament awarded the Sakharov Prize to Venezuela's Democratic Opposition. During the award ceremony, there was a call for democratic, free and fair elections with international backing and an EU Election Observation Mission.

This situation raises the following questions:

1. Exactly what actions are the Commission and the EEAS planning on taking to help restore human rights and democratic order in Venezuela?
2. If the Venezuelan authorities issue an invitation, will the Commission send over an EU Election Observation Mission?