

**Question for written answer E-004010/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - Failure to enforce restrictions regarding Maikel Moreno (Venezuela)

This Tuesday, Maikel Moreno, the current President of the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ), was present at the International Criminal Court in The Hague despite being one of the Venezuelan officials blacklisted by the Council on 22 January 2018.

Mr Moreno was one of those responsible for the country's lurch away from the rule of law and the illegitimate usurpation of power by the TSJ. Whilst serving as President of the Criminal Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice, he ratified the sentence against opposition politician Leopoldo López.

Given that Council Decision (CFSP) 2074/2074 requires Member States to take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into, or transit through, their territory of persons blacklisted in Annex I:

1. Can the High Representative say whether there were any exceptional circumstances warranting the admission of Mr Moreno into a Member State, providing him with a platform from which to air his political views, and this in an international court responsible for investigating crimes against humanity committed by the Venezuelan Government, as reiterated by Parliament in its recent resolution??
2. What measures will she take in response to failure by the Netherlands to comply with the above restrictions?
3. Is she in contact with the Italian authorities regarding measures to prevent an official blacklisted by the EU from obtaining the nationality of a Member State?