

**Question for written answer E-004059/2018**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Institutional framework between the EU and Latin America

In 2017, the EU-CELAC Summit in El Salvador was cancelled because the countries that make up the Lima Group were unhappy with the Venezuelan Government. At the most recent EU-CELAC ministerial meeting, held in Brussels, a number of Lima Group countries reiterated their criticism of that Government. Towards the end of the meeting, a number of ministers said that the existing institutional framework, which governs relations between the EU and Latin America, could be weakened because of the situation in Venezuela and the resulting discrepancies.

1. What recommendations does the Vice-President / High Representative believe should be followed to prevent the deterioration of the existing institutional framework between the EU and Latin America?
2. What is her assessment of the recent ministerial meeting in Brussels?
3. How does she expect the Bi-Regional Strategic Partnership to develop with a view to the future?