

**Question for written answer E-002952/2019/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: EU response to human rights violations in Venezuela

The current situation in Venezuela is critical. On 9 September 2019 the UN High Commissioner updated her report on the human rights situation in Venezuela, drawing attention to further cases of extrajudicial executions and torture carried out by the Special Actions Force, and to the food shortages affecting the country.

Two days later, the Organization of American States approved a call to convene the advisory body of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, paving the way for possible military action against Nicolás Maduro's government.

On 13 November 2017 the Council decided to introduce individual sanctions against Venezuela to prevent those responsible for serious human rights violations, or for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, from entering the European Union.

1. Have the Member States taken action to implement those individual economic sanctions and to prevent individuals involved in human rights violations from entering the EU?
2. Given the recent developments, is the Council sticking to its position that the conflict in Venezuela can be resolved through peaceful negotiations?