

**Question for written answer P-005016/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - The role of the EU in lodging complaints against the Venezuelan government with the International Criminal Court

Last week, six American States requested the International Criminal Court to investigate the Venezuelan government for human rights abuses committed since the protests began in February 2014. This unprecedented move comes after a panel of international experts convened by the Organization of American States (OAS) concluded last May that crimes against humanity had been committed in Venezuela during this period.

The French Government has just announced its support for this request.

Given that the European Parliament Resolution of 5 July 2018 on the migration crisis and the humanitarian situation in Venezuela fully supports the ICC's investigations and calls on the EU to play an active role in this matter, will the VP/HR say:

- 1) Does she support the request of these six American States to the ICC?
- 2) What steps will she take to ensure that the EU plays an active role in these complaints in compliance with Parliament's resolutions?
- 3) Within the framework of the Foreign Affairs Council, will she seek to enlist the support of other Member States for the above requests and complaints to the ICC?