

**Question for written answer E-010715/2013  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
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Subject: VP/HR - Venezuela and human rights

Venezuela's decision to withdraw from the American Convention on Human Rights will take effect on 10 September 2013. This action will limit the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Venezuela, putting the victims of future human rights abuses at risk. Recently, Venezuela has supported various human rights initiatives and it urges other countries to ratify the American Convention on Human Rights, although the country itself deprives its own citizens of the protection offered by this system.

What is the position of the High Representative concerning the potential problem that this situation in Venezuela could pose for human rights?