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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Coup d'Etat in Venezuela

In a country gripped by Nicolás Maduro's dictatorship, the National Assembly of Venezuela represented the last opposition stronghold, despite constant attempts to sabotage the mandate of its members.

With Juan Guaidó set to be re-elected president, the Maduro regime sabotaged the vote in a number of ways, notably by buying votes and making threats to the opposition.

Furthermore, the Venezuelan police prevented Mr Guaidó and numerous members of the opposition from entering Parliament.

Taking advantage of the fact that the opposition were not able to exercise their right to vote, and without reaching the necessary quorum, Chávez's deputies named Luis Parra as president of the National Assembly. This constitutes a clear violation of the most basic democratic principles.

Given the gravity of the situation in Venezuela:

What measures could the VP/HR take to help restore the democratic mandate and reverse the illegal appointment of Mr Parra as president of the National Assembly?