

Question for written answer E-000021/2021

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

Rule 138

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Subject: Recognising the extension of the Venezuelan National Assembly's constitutional and administrative mandate

On 26 December 2020, the Venezuelan National Assembly approved a statute extending its constitutional and administrative mandate for a year, thus enabling the country's sole legitimate democratic body and legitimate interim President, Juan Guaidó to continue their constitutionally mandated work until such time as free democratic elections are held.

This decision is vital in the fight against the regime of Nicolás Maduro, who illegitimately attempted to reconstitute the National Assembly by holding fraudulent elections on 6 December 2020 whose results were overwhelmingly rejected by the international community, including the EU.

In an extremely grave context for the country, exacerbated by the migration, economic and health crises, the EU must redouble its efforts to restore democracy in Venezuela and put a stop to the antidemocratic manoeuvres of a regime that has been accused of crimes against humanity.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Vice-President / High Representative encourage the EU to recognise the extension of the mandate of the Venezuelan National Assembly and legitimate interim President, Juan Guaidó?
2. How is the Vice-President / High Representative coordinating with Member States to ensure a common EU position on this matter?