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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell
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The EU closely follows the human rights situation in Venezuela and has expressed deep concern about reported violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC) investigation, a preliminary examination is currently being conducted by the Office of the ICC prosecutor. The EU trusts the ICC prosecutor's assessment on whether or not the Rome Statute requirements to initiate an investigation have been met in the case of Venezuela.

The EU is a strong supporter of the fight against impunity for serious international crimes and of the ICC's role in bringing perpetrators to justice.

Human rights are at the heart of the EU policy towards Venezuela. The EU regularly addresses the human rights situation in Venezuela in the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and has supported the work of the UN Fact Finding Mission. Moreover, the EU fully supports the work of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and its permanent presence in the country.