

**Question for written answer E-001653/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Plus Ultra bailout and restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela

On 9 March 2021, the Spanish Government announced it would draw EUR 53 million from the Solvency Fund for Strategic Companies to bail out airline Plus Ultra.

According to a number of media outlets, 47.2% of Plus Ultra's shares are owned by Snip Aviation, a company whose board of directors includes three senior Venezuelan executives: chair Rodolfo José Reyes Rojas, spokesperson Raif El Arigie Harbie, as well as representative – and Plus Ultra CEO – Roberto Roselli Miele. All of them have been linked to the Nicolás Maduro regime. Specifically to: entrepreneur Camilo Ibrahim; Maduro's vice-president, Delcy Rodríguez; Maduro's wife, Cilia Flores; and to Alex Saab, the Maduro regime's figurehead, whose extradition the US recently requested from Cape Verde.

Plus Ultra also has a special relationship and has operated many flights with the Venezuelan state-owned airline Conviasa.

What steps has the Commission taken, or will it take, to ensure that the bailout does not constitute a breach of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 of 13 November 2017 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela?