

Question for written answer E-003506/2022

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: Follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations of the EU Election Observation Mission in Venezuela

The final report of the EU Election Observation Mission for the regional and municipal elections in Venezuela in 2021¹ includes 23 recommendations to address deficiencies in the electoral process in the country and to improve it in future.

As stated in the report 'some media laws and especially the lack of judicial independence and non-adherence to the rule of law compromised the level playing field and the fairness and transparency of elections.'

Presidential elections are scheduled for 2024, although the illegitimate president, Maduro, does not rule out bringing them forward.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the European External Action Service following up on the implementation of the recommendations?
2. If so, which of the 23 recommendations have been implemented?
3. Does the Vice-President / High Representative consider that progress is being made towards achieving the standards and conditions that would allow presidential elections to be held with democratic guarantees?

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¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/eu_eom_ven_2021_fr_en.pdf.