

ORAL QUESTION H-0503/02
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2002
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Didier Rod
to the Council

Subject: Coup d'état in Venezuela

On 12 April this year there was a coup d'état in Caracas aiming to depose the democratically-elected President of Venezuela. On the same day, the Council of the European Union issued an official declaration in Spanish expressing its confidence in the leaders of the coup. Why did the Council express its confidence in the coup leaders so quickly, even before they had been sworn in?

Why is there no translation of the Council declaration? Was the declaration given prior approval by the Fifteen? If so, was it adopted unanimously?

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