

ORAL QUESTION H-0880/02  
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2003  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject:           Attempts to overthrow the legally elected President of Venezuela

Following the failed coup d'etat in Venezuela, attempts by the economic and political establishment of the country, together with its international allies (USA etc.) to overthrow President Chavez are intensifying. The media, which are controlled by the opposition, have mounted a campaign of disinformation, the banks are threatening to cut back their services even to the point of suspending withdrawals from accounts, and the country is threatened with huge fines if it does not deliver its contracted quantities of oil.

What initiatives will the Council take to thwart the attempt by the external forces supporting the Venezuelan economic oligarchy to overthrow the legally elected President Chavez with the aim of controlling the 5<sup>th</sup> most important oil-producing country, and to ensure that the verdict of the Venezuelan people is respected at international level?

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