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Amendment 2

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Joint motion for a resolution

PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE

Situation in Venezuela

Joint motion for a resolution

Recital A

Joint motion for a resolution

A. whereas on 19 February 2015 Antonio Ledezma, twice democratically elected Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Caracas and one of the opposition leaders, was arbitrarily detained by heavily armed officers of the Bolivarian Intelligence Service (Sebin), who failed to produce an arrest warrant or any evidence of his having committed an offence; whereas following his detention Antonio Ledezma was charged with conspiracy and association to commit crimes – offences punishable by severe prison sentences in Venezuela – and imprisoned at the Ramo Verde military prison;

Amendment

A. whereas the Caracas Metropolitan Mayor, Antonio Ledezma, has been arrested following a warrant issued by the Attorney-General's Office and charged with conspiracy and association with criminal intent for his alleged involvement in a plot against the elected government; whereas both crimes are defined and penalised under the Venezuelan Criminal Code and the Organic Law against Organised Crime and Terrorist Financing;

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Recital D

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D. whereas President Maduro has also announced bizarre alleged foreign conspiracies, destabilisation plans and assassination attempts, which have been reported by the national administration on several occasions;

Amendment

D. whereas an economic war has been waged by some sectors in Venezuela for the last months through price rises, smuggled goods and stockpiling activities; whereas the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has denounced ‘Operation Jericho’, i.e. the latest attempt at a coup against the democratically elected government, planned for 12 February 2014 by the far-right opposition and funded and backed by the US Government with the support of a number of top Venezuelan military officials; whereas according to information provided by the Venezuelan Government, the attempted coup was based on a four-stage plan to oust President Maduro, beginning with economic warfare and finishing with a violent military uprising using Tucano warplanes to bomb strategic targets including key government headquarters such as the Presidential Palace, the defence ministry and the Telesur television channel; whereas this was planned to take place after the publication of a manifesto calling for a ‘transition’

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and demanding the formation of a provisional government; whereas this manifesto was signed by opposition leaders including Antonio Ledezma, María Corina Machado and Leopoldo López;

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Paragraph 1

Joint motion for a resolution

1. Recalls its deep concern about the deteriorating situation in Venezuela and condemns the use of violence against protesters; calls on the Venezuelan authorities to immediately release Antonio Ledezma, Leopoldo López, Daniel Ceballos and all peaceful protesters, students and opposition leaders arbitrarily detained for exercising their right to freedom of expression and their fundamental rights, in line with the demands made by several UN bodies and international organisations; calls on the Venezuelan authorities to withdraw the unfounded accusations against them;

Amendment

1. Strongly condemns the latest coup attempt and related violence by right-wing and extreme-right opposition groups in Venezuela; deplores the permanent destabilisation campaign against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela through violent acts occurring in a framework similar to that of the previous coup attempt of 2002; deeply regrets the loss of lives, and extends its condolences to the families of the victims; calls for those responsible for committing or inciting the crimes concerned to be held accountable for their acts; expresses its respect for the judicial system of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and therefore rejects any interference in the ongoing judicial proceedings at national level;

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Paragraph 10

Joint motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the regional partners of Venezuela, such as UNASUR and the **Organisation of American States**, to open channels of dialogue and understanding between the conflicting parties, and to guarantee public safety and protection, together with a return to calm and normality in Venezuela;

Amendment

10. Encourages the regional partners of Venezuela, such as UNASUR and the **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)**, to open channels of dialogue and understanding between the conflicting parties, and to guarantee public safety and protection, together with a return to calm and normality in Venezuela;

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Paragraph 9 a (new)

Joint motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Strongly rejects the sanctions imposed against Venezuela in December 2014 by the United States through its ‘Executive Order to implement and expand upon the Venezuela Defence of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014’, and commends the unanimous reaction of UNASUR and CELAC countries against these sanctions; strongly deplores the US Executive Order of 9 March 2015, which, in the framework of national emergency, declares Venezuela to be a threat to the national security of the USA; considers that the aim of this order is to undermine the constitutional and legitimate government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; is convinced that Venezuela does not represent any threat to any of its neighbours or to any other country;

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