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COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CO-PRESIDENT TO THE EURO-LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY ON HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL DONORS' CONFERENCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19.

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At the International Donors' Conference in solidarity with Venezuelan refugees and migrants in countries of the region, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which was convened by the Government of Spain and the European Union and held via video conference in Brussels, I set out the following considerations:

The European Parliament is well aware of the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Venezuela and the tragic situation of millions of Venezuelans who, within and outside the country's borders, are calling for a strong response and solidarity from the international community. We are also aware that countries in the region are calling for urgent support and measures to ensure that their own capacities are not overwhelmed and their citizens are not neglected.

Therefore, on behalf of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat), I have asked the public authorities of the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean to do everything necessary to mitigate the consequences of the COVID-19 crisis, and I have called on the international community to temporarily suspend restrictive or punitive measures, such as economic, trade or diplomatic embargoes. I have also advocated the partial or total restructuring, or even the cancellation, of debt in the most vulnerable countries. We must ensure that all countries are able to focus all efforts on fighting the pandemic.

At a time when the multilateral system is being increasingly called into question, we must advocate dialogue, international fora and common institutions as the best instruments with which to achieve effective solutions to complex and global challenges. The Co-Presidents of the EuroLat Assembly have therefore called for a Meeting of EU-LAC

Heads of State and Government to be convened to establish enhanced cooperation to tackle COVID-19.

Both regions must emerge from this crisis united and successfully. The Venezuelan people have an ally in the EuroLat Assembly and we are not going to leave them behind.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Javi López', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Javi López

Member of the European Parliament

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