



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Venezuela
(2019/2543(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the situation in Venezuela
(2019/2543(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Venezuela, in particular those of 3 May 2018 on the elections in Venezuela¹, of 5 July 2018 on the migration crisis and humanitarian situation in Venezuela and at its terrestrial borders with Colombia and Brazil² and of 25 October 2018 on the situation in Venezuela³,

having regard to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC),
 - having regard to the Venezuelan Constitution, and, in particular, its Article 233,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the elections held on 20 May 2018 were conducted without complying with the minimum international standards for a credible process, and failed to respect political pluralism, democracy, transparency and the rule of law; whereas the EU, together with other democratic countries and regional organisations, recognised neither the elections nor the authorities put in place by this illegitimate process;
- B. whereas on 10 January 2019, Nicolás Maduro illegitimately usurped presidential power before the Supreme Court of Justice, in breach of the constitutional order;
- C. whereas on 23 January 2019, the legitimately and democratically elected President of the National Assembly Juan Guaidó was sworn in as the interim president of Venezuela, in accordance with Article 233 of the Venezuelan Constitution;
- D. whereas the European Union has repeatedly called for the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela through a credible political process;
- E. whereas in 2017 the European Parliament awarded its Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to the democratic opposition and political prisoners in Venezuela;
1. Recognises Mr Guaidó as the legitimate interim president of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in accordance with the Venezuelan Constitution, as stated in its Article 233;
 2. Requests the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR), together with the Member States, to adopt a strong, unified stance, and to recognise Juan Guaidó as the only legitimate interim president of the country until new elections can be called; welcomes the fact

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0199.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0313.

³ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0436.

that many other democratic states have already recognised the new interim presidency;

3. Strongly condemns the violence, resulting in killings and casualties, and expresses its sincere condolences to the families and friends of its victims; urges the de facto Venezuelan authorities to halt all human rights violations, hold those responsible for them to account, and ensure that all fundamental freedoms and human rights are fully respected;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the legitimate interim President of the Republic and National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the governments and parliaments of the Lima Group, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary-General of the Organisation of American States.