

Resolution on Venezuela

Expresses its deep concern about the political, social and economic crisis in the Republic of Venezuela, affecting its 30 million inhabitants. This South American country has ceased to be a democracy. Its republican institutions and its social fabric have been gradually destroyed, converting it into a nation marked by repression, imprisonment, disqualification and violation of the rule of law, riddled by corruption and serving as a hotbed of international criminal organizations.

Strongly deplores the expulsion of Spanish Ambassador Jesus Silva Hernandez from Venezuelan territory, which we consider a blatant act of reprisal against sanctions imposed by the EU, in violation of the most elementary principles of diplomacy, against the interests of the Venezuelan people clamoring for the re-establishment of freedom and democracy in their country.

José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, the mediator between the government of Venezuela and a sector of the opposition has neither taken into consideration the latest diplomatic impasse caused by the failed talks in the Dominican Republic, nor has he reacted to the unexpected announcement of presidential elections, to be held in the first quarter of this year, outlawing the participation of opposition parties.

Urges the opposition parties to jointly seek the internal and external support necessary to denounce this new violation of legality before the electoral assistance instance of the United Nations and the Constitutional Tribunal in exile appointed by the legitimate Venezuelan parliament. Without plural participation, there can be no semblance of democracy.

Demands from Nicolas Maduro to stop interfering in legal processes and manipulating the Constitution and Venezuelan laws, and from his party, to consider the fact that the candidacy of Maduro has been denounced before the public prosecutor's office of the International Court of Justice in The Hague and, enabling this judiciary institution to carry out preliminary investigations of crimes against humanity perpetrated during the 2017 protests in Venezuela.

Supports the decisions adopted by the Foreign Ministers at the recent meeting of the Lima Group, condemning the irregular call for elections and the violation of fundamental rights.

Supports the European Council position on Venezuela and emphasizes to maintains a firm position regarding the sanctions approved.

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