



Member of the European Parliament

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Ms Federica Mogherini  
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs  
and Security Policy/ Vice President of the Commission

Dear High Representative/Vice President,

As you are aware, the political, economic, and humanitarian situation has been severely deteriorating over the past few years in Venezuela, and Venezuelans have been suffering mass violations of their human rights and democracy for far too long. The illegitimate swearing in of Nicolas Maduro on 10 January 2019 for a second term as President following a fraudulent election was one of the last of many blows to Venezuela's democracy.

The European Union has repeatedly called for "the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela through a credible political process". Following the events this week, in particular the swearing in of National Assembly President Juan Guaidó as President of Venezuela, we, Members of the European Parliament, call on a swift, strong and united position from the EU and to recognise Juan Guaidó as the only legitimate President of Venezuela ad interim, until new elections can be called. We believe that the explicit recognition of President Guaidó would be a continuation of the EU's commitment to support a peaceful and democratic solution to the crisis in Venezuela.

Yours Sincerely,

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