

Question for written answer E-002463/2024

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Political situation in the Plurinational State of Bolivia

For almost a month now, Bolivia has been rocked by demonstrations and blockades concerning the organisation of the general elections scheduled for August 2025.

This political situation, which is already tense even though the elections are still some way off, raises questions about the conditions under which they will be held.

Democracy constitutes one of the core values of the European Union; it must be promoted beyond the Union's borders.

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is empowered, after consulting the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group, to choose which countries to be afforded priority status for EU election observation missions.

Given the political situation in Bolivia, can the Vice-President / High Representative say:

1. Whether the Plurinational State of Bolivia has already asked the European Union to organise an electoral observation mission?
2. If no request has been made, whether the European Union intends to offer its expertise to the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia?

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