

**Question for written answer E-000031/2026**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Imperialist intervention by the US in Venezuela

The US has carried out an unacceptable imperialist intervention against the Venezuelan people and their sovereignty. President Trump has provocatively announced the arrest of Venezuela's legitimate President and made the unthinkable declaration that Venezuela was under US governance. For a number of weeks, the US had been redeploying its forces to Latin America to curb the growing influence of China and Russia.

Venezuela is immensely rich in energy resources and the country owns the lion's share of oil and gas reserves in the region. In the face of competition, the EU renewed sanctions against Venezuela, with these being used as a 'tool' to intervene in the domestic affairs of non-EU countries.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What is the Commission's position on this unacceptable imperialist intervention by the US – which violates the territorial integrity of an independent state, Venezuela – and on the call for its immediate end?
2. What is the Commission's position on the fact that both the statement by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen calling for a 'democratic transition' in the country and the statement by Vice-President / High Representative Kaja Kallas claiming that the Maduro Government 'lacks legitimacy' are grist to the mill for the unacceptable intervention by the US in Venezuela – an intervention that encroaches on the Venezuelan people's right to self-determination with regard to the future of their own country, free from foreign interference, and to decide for themselves the path they wish to take?

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