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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Venezuela and violation of the UN Charter

The night-time raid by US forces aimed at capturing Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, together with military strikes against Caracas, represent a serious development and revive the risk of escalation in Latin America.

Of particular concern is the revival of a logic reminiscent of the Monroe Doctrine by the US administration, treating the region as an area of limited sovereignty. The fight against drug trafficking appears to have served as a pretext to bypass congressional oversight of military action abroad. Energy interests are central, given Venezuela's vast oil reserves and the support provided by Russia and China.

While the authoritarian nature of the Maduro regime is clear, the defence of democracy can never justify military raids. Democracy cannot be imposed by force.

These actions violate international law and the UN Charter, notably respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and the prohibition of the use of force. The absence of a clear EU condemnation of these actions undermines its credibility as a multilateral actor.

The Vice-President / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is asked:

1. whether she intends to condemn the US military action in Venezuela?

2. whether she will defend the UN Charter and multilateralism?

3. whether the EU will support convening the UN Security Council on Venezuela?

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