

Question for written answer E-003770/2026

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

Rule 144

Anthony Smith (The Left)

Subject: Attacks on the rule of law in the Republic of Ecuador

On 31 August 2026, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights called on Ecuador to ensure pluralism in the 29 November elections and to prevent arbitrary exclusion.

The suspension of Revolución Ciudadana for nine months, followed by the suspension of the AMIGO movement, which was due to field its candidates, is clearly intended to prevent the main opposition force from taking part in the elections. These decisions raise serious concerns about pluralism, freedom of association, political rights and the free choice of voters. They demonstrate an instrumental use of institutions to exclude a political opponent.

In her answer of 30 April 2026 to question E-000978/2026¹, the Vice-President/High Representative focused on dialogue and cooperation, despite European warnings about disproportionate restrictions on political rights. Faced with this deterioration in the rule of law, the European Union must take concrete action.

Will the Vice-President/High Representative:

1. state what verifiable measures the EU has taken since 30 April 2026?
2. condemn the suspension of Revolución Ciudadana and demand that it be allowed to take part in future elections?
3. support the suspension of Ecuador from the EU-Colombia-Peru trade agreement, to which Ecuador acceded in 2017, for as long as Article 1 of the agreement, on democratic principles, human rights and the rule of law, is not respected?

Submitted: 21.9.2026

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000978-ASW_EN.html.