

(English version)

Question for written answer E-005074/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: The EU's position and diplomatic role amid heightened strategic competition in Latin America

Recent developments in Latin America, particularly in relation to Venezuela, point to a renewed intensification of geopolitical dynamics. These developments are unfolding in the context of the United States' evolving strategic posture in the region. At the same time, China has publicly opposed what it describes as 'unilateral coercion' and reiterated its support for Venezuelan sovereignty in bilateral exchanges with Caracas.

1. How does the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) assess the current situation in Latin America, including the evolving approach of the United States towards the region, from the perspective of international law and the EU's commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes, respect for sovereignty and the principle of non-intervention?
2. How does the VP/HR evaluate the growing diplomatic and strategic involvement of China in the region, particularly in cases where such engagement may risk reinforcing polarisation, thus legitimising unilateral positions or weakening multilateral frameworks for conflict prevention and peaceful dispute resolution?
3. Does the VP/HR envisage a specific role for the EU in facilitating dialogue, confidence-building and de-escalation among the relevant international and regional actors, including through close coordination with the United States, principled engagement with China, with a view to preventing further escalation and contributing to a peaceful outcome?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU remains fully committed to dialogue and cooperation with the Latin America and Caribbean region, as witnessed by the successful fourth EU-Community of Latin America and Caribbean states (CELAC) Summit held in Santa Marta, Colombia, on 9 November 2025 ⁽¹⁾.

International law and the principles of territorial integrity, self-determination and sovereignty enshrined in the UN Charter must be upheld under all circumstances. Members of the UN Security Council have a particular responsibility to uphold these principles.

There is a close contact with the United States, as well as regional and other international partners to support and facilitate dialogue with all parties involved, leading to a negotiated, democratic, inclusive and peaceful solution to the crisis, led by Venezuelans.

The EU closely follows China's initiatives and policies at global and regional level. In all contacts with Chinese interlocutors, the EU will continue to highlight the importance of respecting international law, with the UN Charter at its core and to call for dialogue to defuse tensions in cases of crisis.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/11/09/joint-declaration-of-the-celac-eu-summit-2025-9-november-2025/>.