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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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International law and the principles of territorial integrity and state 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. This message was underscored in the 4 January 2026 statement by the High Representative/Vice-President supported by 26 Member States, as well as by President of the European Council and President of the Commission in their public reactions to the US intervention in Venezuela.

The EU has repeatedly stated that Nicolás Maduro lacks the legitimacy of a democratically elected president and has advocated for a Venezuelan-led peaceful transition to democracy in the country, respectful of its sovereignty. The right of the Venezuelan people to determine their future must be respected. The Commission is in close contact with the US, as well as regional and 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 remains ready to continue engaging constructively with the US on all issues of common interest. The EU continues to support an inclusive, rules-based multilateral system anchored in the principles of the UN Charter. The EU will continue to uphold the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and inviolability of borders together with other fundamental tenets of international law.