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Priority question for written answer P-000004/26
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Violations of international law by the United States of America: Venezuela and Greenland

The US military operation that led to the capture of President Nicolás Maduro and his wife and included military strikes in Caracas is a serious attack on the principle of national sovereignty and a threat to peace in the region.

There can be no justification for military raids or bombing civilian populations.

Donald Trump's desire to run Venezuela directly with the aim of plundering its energy resources for the benefit of US multinationals and their shareholders shows that the United States of America has never broken with its imperialist doctrine.

An expansionist phase of this empire is now under way. The heads of state of Mexico and Colombia have been threatened. Greenland, a territory under the sovereignty of a Member State of the European Union, is at risk of being annexed.

These acts are a violation of international law and of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and the prohibition of the use of force. The EU's lack of clear condemnation undermines what little credibility it has as a multilateral actor.

In this context, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is asked to answer the following questions:

1. Does she condemn the US military action in Venezuela?
2. How does she intend to guarantee the sovereignty of the Member States in the face of US expansionist ambitions?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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Immediately after the strikes, on 4 January 2026, the High Representative/Vice-President, supported by 26 Member States called for calm and restraint by all actors, to avoid escalation and to ensure a peaceful solution to the crisis.

International law, including the principles of territorial integrity and state sovereignty enshrined in the UN Charter, must be upheld under all circumstances.

Respecting the will of the Venezuelan people remains the only durable solution for Venezuela. The EU continues to advocate for a Venezuelan-led, peaceful transition to democracy in Venezuela. The EU is ready to support and accompany all Venezuelans in this process.

From the EU perspective, the renewed threats over Greenland are of utmost concern. Preserving the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Denmark, its sovereignty and the inviolability of its borders, is essential for the EU.

The EU stands in full solidarity with Denmark and the people of Greenland. The EU continues to prepare for all scenarios. This includes continuously engaging with the administration of the President of the United States and reminding American interlocutors of the value of the alliance.
