

Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2014/2998(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		
Geographical area Venezuela		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
18/12/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/12/2014	Debate in Parliament		
18/12/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0106/2014	Summary
18/12/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2014/2998(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B8-0375/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0376/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0377/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0378/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0379/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0380/2014	16/12/2014	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		RC-B8-0375/2014	16/12/2014		
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0106/2014	18/12/2014	EP	Summary

The European Parliament adopted by 476 votes to 109 with 49 abstentions a resolution on the persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela.

The resolution was tabled by the EPP, ECR, ALDE, and S&D groups.

It strongly condemned the political persecution and repression of the democratic opposition, the violations of freedom of expression and of demonstration, and the existence of media and web censorship.

Citing the detention of opposition leader Leopoldo López and student leader Sairam Rivas, Parliament also deplored the lack of judicial impartiality and guarantees and the imprisonment of peaceful protesters, students and opposition congressmen who were facing investigations and trial proceedings. It recalled its demand for an ad hoc European Parliament delegation to be sent to assess the situation in Venezuela and hold a dialogue with all sectors involved in the conflict, as soon as possible.

The EEAS, the EU Delegation, and the HR/VP as well as Member States were asked to:

- continue to observe the investigations and the trial hearings of opposition leaders;
- call for the immediate release of the protesters who have been arbitrarily arrested since the start of the protests;

Members asked the Government of Venezuela to enter into a strong and open dialogue on human rights with the European Union, and to:

- immediately disarm and dissolve the uncontrolled armed pro-government associations and groups, putting an end to their impunity;
- withdraw the unfounded charges and arrest warrants against opposition politicians and to ensure the security of all citizens in the country, regardless of their political views or affiliations;
- comply with its own constitution and its international obligations with respect to the independence of the judiciary, the rights of freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly and political pluralism;
- conduct effective investigations into alleged human rights violations, and enable an environment in which human rights defenders and independent non-governmental organisations might carry out their legitimate work of promoting human rights and democracy.