

30. SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

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Young European Socialists express their deep worry about the current situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. As if the tragic economic recession that is shaking the country wasn't enough, a new and alarming crisis hit Venezuela.

In last few weeks we have witnessed the clear attempt of the ruling PSUV to strengthen its grasp on power, violating elementary democratic rules. First the members of the parliament, where oppositions detain an overwhelming majority, were strip of their immunity from prosecution, then the Supremo Tribunal de Justicia tried to nullify the National Assembly and to give itself all legislative power. Even if some of these decisions were confusingly and partially revised, last events have demonstrated the lack of commitment of the governmental forces with democratic principles.

We, Young European Socialists, stand firmly with the democratic forces of Venezuelan society and demand to the international community to pressure the PSUV government to preserve democracy in Venezuela.