Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the elections in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The European Union extends its congratulations to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the national political forces and its people for the elections to the National Assembly of September 26th.

The EU notes with satisfaction that the elections took place in a peaceful manner.

The EU welcomes the participation of all political forces in the country and the return of multiparty representation to the National Assembly, which provides a good basis for a renewed and fruitful political dialogue for the benefit of all Venezuelan people.

The EU appreciates the positive role played by national electoral observation organisations. The EU notes that the Venezuelan National Electoral Council accredited more than 200 international guests to accompany the day of the election. No long-term international electoral observation missions participated.

The European Union looks forward to continuing and reinforcing its relations with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in all matters of common interest and reiterates its willingness to support its democratic institutions, social inclusion and sustainable development.
"The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* and Iceland*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Azerbaijan align themselves with this declaration.

* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area."