Resolution on the latest developments in the National Assembly of Venezuela

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The European Parliament adopted by 391 votes to 114, with 177 abstentions, a resolution on the latest developments in the National Assembly of Venezuela.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by the EPP, Renew and ECR groups.

Parliament reiterated that until truly free, credible, inclusive, transparent and fully democratic elections are held in Venezuela, it will continue to consider the National Assembly elected in December 2015 and its president Juan Guaidó, as the single legitimate democratic representative political body in Venezuela. It rejects the illegal and illegitimate parliamentary elections resulting from the fraudulent electoral process organised on 6 December 2020 stating that the only sustainable solution to the multidimensional crisis in Venezuela is a political, peaceful and democratic way forward, involving credible, inclusive, free, fair and transparent presidential, parliamentary, regional and local elections.

The resolution requested the unconditional and immediate release of the more than 350 political prisoners held in Venezuela. It also condemned the most recent crackdown on freedom of expression perpetrated by the regime and the closure of newspapers and media outlets that are not politically aligned with the Maduro regime.

The resolution welcomed extending the targeted sanctions to 11 additional individuals. Movements of these individuals, as well as those of their closest relatives, should be restricted and their assets and visas should be frozen.

Lastly, Members called for an immediate ban on the trade in and circulation of blood gold from Venezuela in the EU.