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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the decision to lift Juan Guaidó's parliamentary immunity in Venezuela

The EU rejects the decision taken by the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly to lift Juan Guaidó's parliamentary immunity. This decision constitutes a serious violation of the Venezuelan Constitution, as well as of the rule of law and separation of powers, as the only body authorised to lift the immunity of members of the parliament is the National Assembly. These acts undermine a political way out of the crisis and only lead to further polarisation and escalation of tensions in the country.

The EU strongly calls for the full respect of the constitutionally mandated prerogatives and immunity of all members of the National Assembly, including of its President. Their civil rights, freedom and physical integrity must be respected at all times and they should be able to perform their duties free of any intimidation.

The EU will continue to monitor the situation and use all appropriate measures in reacting to current developments.

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