



European Union's Foreign Affairs Council Extends Sanctions Against Venezuela and Government Officials

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The Foreign Affairs Council of the European Union (Council) on Nov. 11, 2019, decided in their meetings to extend for one more year the sanctions (restrictive measures) that were imposed against Venezuela and Venezuelan government officials on November 13, 2017.¹

In November 2017, the Council decided to impose such sanctions in view of the deterioration of Venezuela's democracy and rule of law, and human rights violations in that country.

Restrictive measures include, among others, the seizure of weapons and equipment intended for internal repression, as well as a travel ban and freezing of assets to 25 people who hold official positions considering that, according to the Council, they are "responsible for human rights violations and/or for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela."²

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¹ [Restrictive measures on Venezuela](#)

² [Venezuela: Council renews sanctions until 14 November 2020](#)

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