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Answer given by Vice-President Mogherini
on behalf of the European Commission
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As recalled in the EU 28 Statement of 18 June 2019¹, the EU stressed its serious concern over the worsening of the political and humanitarian situation in Venezuela.

The dramatic humanitarian situation leading to a massive exodus of Venezuelans from their country points to the urgency of a peaceful and inclusive democratic solution of this crisis.

The EU – also as part of the International Contact Group (ICG) on Venezuela – is stepping up its current efforts to help find a political way out in Venezuela through free and credible elections.

The gold withheld by the Bank of England does not fall under current EU restrictive measures. In this case, the High Representative / Vice-President does not intervene in the decision of an EU Member State's central bank.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/06/18/declaration-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-eu-on-the-situation-in-venezuela/>