

Resolution on the coup d'Etat in Honduras

The Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D Group) condemns in the strongest possible terms the coup d'Etat against the government of President José Manuel Zelaya in Honduras, Mr Zelaya's detention and his forced expulsion from the country. The S&D Group demands the immediate restoration of democracy and a return to normal institutional life in Honduras.

The S&D Group also demands the return to office of the constitutional President in line with calls from all international and democratic organisations such as the Organisation of American States (OAS). Moreover, the S&D Group declares that it will be unacceptable to recognise any government which purports to replace one that was legitimately constituted.

Equally, the S&D Group repudiates any attempt to justify this unacceptable breach of democratic life in Honduras which is devoid of any pretext or argument.

Democracy is the only possible way for free people to conduct their affairs of State and meet the demands of citizens for greater prosperity, progress and equality.

The S&D Group is determined to remain committed and alert to developments in Honduras by monitoring the country's response to this urgent democratic call from the international community.

The S&D Group calls for negotiations on the EU-Central America Association Agreement to be suspended until the political and institutional situation in Honduras returns to normal.