

FCDO statement: Venezuelan National Assembly elections

Government response

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The United Kingdom does not recognise the result of the illegitimate Venezuelan National Assembly election held on 6 December 2020.

A Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office spokesperson said:

The Venezuelan National Assembly election on 6 December was neither free nor fair. It did not meet internationally accepted conditions, as called for by the International Contact Group on Venezuela including the UK, the Organisation of American States, the European Union, and others; nor did it meet the requirements of Venezuelan law. The UK considers the election to have been illegitimate and does not recognise the result.

The UK recognises the National Assembly democratically elected in 2015 and recognises Juan Guaidó as interim constitutional President of Venezuela.

It is vital that Venezuelans are given the opportunity to vote soon in presidential and legislative elections that are free, fair and effectively overseen. The UK considers that restoring democracy is an essential step towards ending the political, economic and humanitarian crises afflicting Venezuela's long-suffering people and calls on all its leaders to commit to supporting a solution to this end.

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