European Parliament

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**Ms Ursula von der Leyen,**
President of the European Commission

**Ms Kaja Kallas,**
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

**On the defence of democratic sovereignty in Colombia**

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, strongly condemn recent statements by United States President Donald Trump openly endorsing a candidate in the Colombian presidential elections. Such statements constitute a direct interference in Colombia's democratic process and undermine both democratic pluralism and national sovereignty.

In a public statement, President Trump offered his "complete and total endorsement" to candidate Abelardo de la Espriella and described his opponent as a "Radical Left Marxist", while emphasising that the outcome of the election would be decisive for Colombia's future and its relationship with the United States.

Electoral processes must belong exclusively to citizens, who alone have the legitimate right to determine their political future free from any form of external interference or coercion. The principles of self-determination, national sovereignty, and non-interference are cornerstones of international law and must be upheld without exception. These principles apply equally to all countries, irrespective of their political orientation or strategic importance.

We are particularly concerned by rhetoric that seeks to stigmatise political forces participating democratically in elections or that presents legitimate ideological alternatives as threats to international relations. Democracy depends on political pluralism, respect for electoral competition, and acceptance that governments must derive their legitimacy exclusively from the will of the people.

At a time when Colombia continues to face structural challenges related to violence, inequality, and the full implementation of the Peace Agreement, any external attempt to influence the outcome of its elections risks further destabilising an already fragile context. The international community must support democratic institutions, not interfere in them.

We therefore reaffirm our support for a democratic, peaceful, and transparent electoral process in Colombia and our solidarity with all those working to defend human rights, social justice, and the rule of law. The future of Colombia must be decided by its people alone.

In light of the above, we call on the European Commission and the European External Action Service to:

- reject any attempt—whether political, diplomatic, economic, or rhetorical—to interfere in Colombia's democratic process or to undermine the legitimacy of institutions responsible for guaranteeing free and fair elections;

- reaffirm European Union's commitment to peace, human rights, and self-determination, regardless of the outcome of the elections;

We stand with the Colombian people in their right to freely choose their future.

Sincerely,
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