

# *UK Labour Party rejects EU's recognition of so-called 'interim president' in Venezuela*

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London, February 7 (RHC)-- Britain's opposition Labour Party's foreign affairs policy chief Emily Thornberry announced that her party is against the move by EU states to recognize Venezuela opposition lawmaker Juan Guaido as the "interim president" of Venezuela saying that diplomacy and dialogue should be the way forward instead of taking sides.

Thornberry said if in power, the party would pursue diplomacy that put values above commercial gain but would not fear to censure socialist countries that fail to live up to their ideals.

She went on to say that she would support the idea of new elections to end the standoff between the Venezuelan government and the right-wing opposition, who is attempting to overthrow the legitimate President of Venezuela Nicolas Maduro through calls for a coup and military intervention.

The European decision to recognize Guaido earlier this week came less than two weeks after the United States and its right-wing allies in Latin America recognized him as "interim president" of Venezuela on January 23rd in what progressive governments and activists are calling an attempted coup.

The military has repeatedly stated its full support for Maduro's government and rejected such calls as interventionist and a breach of the sovereignty of Venezuela.

In return, Maduro has repeatedly called for the restoration of talks between his government and the opposition in order to maintain peace and avoid a U.S.-backed coup, or even military intervention by the United States in favor of removing him and placing in power an unelected, right-wing government.

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