

**Question for written answer E-009687/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Activities of international bodies in Western Sahara

The final declaration of the 39<sup>th</sup> edition of the EUCOCO, held in Madrid on 14 and 15 November 2014, referred to the difficulties encountered by various international organisations in carrying out their work in the occupied territories of Western Sahara. The UN special envoy, Christopher Ross, the African Union mediator and the head of MINURSO have all seen their work hindered or made more difficult by Morocco, which has also prohibited access to parliamentary delegations and human rights organisations.

In view of the foregoing, I should like to ask the following questions:

1. What action will the European External Action Service take to facilitate the work of the international human rights organisations in the Sahara?
2. In what manner does the High Representative intend to address the Moroccan authorities so as to impress upon them the EU's concern at the obstacles put in the way of the representatives of these bodies?