

Question for written answer E-000760/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Natural resources in Western Sahara

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1803 (XVII) declares that the violation of the rights of peoples and nations to sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources is contrary to the spirit and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and hinders the development of international co-operation and the maintenance of peace. In spite of there being numerous United Nations resolutions on Sahara's right of self-determination, the fact that the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic has been recognised by 82 States, and the presence of a mission such as MINURSO on the ground, the Moroccan government still continues to exploit Sahara's natural resources.

Taking the above into account:

1. What stance is the EU going to take in response to the claim made by the former member of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the Swede Hans Corell, regarding the exploitation by Morocco of oil resources in Sahara?
2. Is the Commission going to promote the coordination required to stop the violation of one of the basic principles of international law, namely the conservation of the natural resources of countries in the process of decolonisation?