

Question for written answer E-003868/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Western Sahara and human rights

Various reports and news from Western Sahara accuse the Moroccan authorities of continuing to commit serious violations of the Saharan people's human rights. The Saharawis who live in Western Sahara are subject to regular breaches of their rights of assembly, movement and safety, as well as their right to life. They also suffer arbitrary detentions and torture. MINURSO – the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara – does not have a mandate to monitor respect for human rights in the region and there is no other international body dedicated to human rights in the Sahara.

1. Will the European Union, through its various diplomatic instruments, exert pressure on the Moroccan authorities to respect human rights in Western Sahara?
2. Will the European Union push in international forums for MINURSO's mandate to be unblocked?