

**Question for written answer E-006564/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Illegal fisheries agreement between the EU and Morocco

The former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Hans Corell, has recently published an article claiming that the fisheries agreement between the EU and Morocco is illegal, as it makes no specific reference to the fishing zone off the coast of Western Sahara.

Moreover, Mr Corell states that the agreement contains not one word about the fact that Morocco's 'jurisdiction' in the waters of Western Sahara is limited by the international rules on self-determination.

Does the Commission agree with this statement? If not, could it explain why not?