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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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In the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, the situation as regards the non-autonomous territory of Western Sahara remains uncertain, and no progress has been made with regard to decolonisation: it is the last territory still in the hands of colonialism.

The EU and its Member States are guardians of international law and signatories to the UN Charter of Human Rights, which enshrines the right to self-determination of peoples living under colonial domination, as is the case in Western Sahara.

Given that Morocco is a member of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the oppressor of the Sahrawi people, should the foundations of the relationship with Morocco be reviewed if countries involved in the policy fail to uphold certain fundamental rights?

Does the High Representative intend to speak out in favour of self-determination for the Sahrawi people? Does the High-Representative condemn the Moroccan occupation?