

**Question for written answer E-003999/2016  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Status of Morocco in Western Sahara under international humanitarian law

In Case T-512/12 Front Polisario v Council, the EU General Court (GC) acknowledged that Morocco has no territorial sovereignty over Western Sahara<sup>1</sup>, that Western Sahara is not a part of the internationally recognised territory of Morocco<sup>2</sup> and that Morocco has no international mandate to administer Western Sahara<sup>3</sup>. It follows from the GC findings that Morocco is occupying Western Sahara, according to international humanitarian law<sup>4</sup>.

Can the High Representative confirm that the Council and Commission agree with the above views of the GC regarding relations between Morocco and Western Sahara?

Can the High Representative confirm that the Council and Commission agree on the status of Morocco, as an occupying power in Western Sahara, according to international humanitarian law?

What conclusions does the High Representative draw from the findings of the GC on the EU-Morocco treaty relations?

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<sup>1</sup> Case T-512/12, point 241.

<sup>2</sup> Case T-512/12, point 232.

<sup>3</sup> Case T-512/12, point 233.

<sup>4</sup> Annex: 242.512.0 – GEN 4/15