

**Question for written answer E-004000/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - EU maps representing the territories of Western Sahara and Morocco

On the Commission's DG Health and Food Safety website¹, the map of the African continent refers to Morocco as including the entire territory of Western Sahara and does not make any reference to the latter.

This representation directly contradicts long-standing EU and UN positions and international law, which do not recognise Moroccan sovereignty over Western Sahara and consider Western Sahara not to be part of the internationally recognised territory of Morocco and Morocco to have no international mandate to administer Western Sahara².

Can the Vice-President / High Representative confirm that the Commission and the European External Action Service consider Moroccan territory to extend to that of Western Sahara?

What are the rules applied by the Commission and the EEAS relating to the graphic representation of the territories of Morocco and Western Sahara?

Can the VP/HR confirm that the EU Food and Veterinary Office, which has four audits planned in Morocco in 2016³, will not visit the Sahrawi occupied territories?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/audit_map/africa.cfm#topmap (last accessed on 04/05/2016)

² See General Court of the EU judgment in Case T-512/12 Front Polisario v Council.

³ http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits_analysis/audit_programmes/docs/fvo_inspect_prog_audit_en_2016.pdf