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Subject: VP/HR - Situation in Western Sahara

Following the intervention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prevent the escalation of the conflict in the Western Sahara, Morocco has agreed to turn back the military advance it had ordered beyond the wall so as to avoid an armed conflict with the Polisario Front.

The Polisario Front has, however, denounced this as a farce as, it claims, since the ceasefire no road or freight traffic has been allowed through the 'wall of occupation' on the border with Mauritania, which is itself in breach of the territory's status.

In view of this situation and Mr Guterres' intervention to de-escalate the conflict,

1. What will the EU do to help establish dialogue between Western Sahara and Morocco?
2. What prospects does the EU see for a peaceful solution to the conflict?