

Question for written answer E-006631/2017/rev.1
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - EU-Morocco Association Agreement

The European Court of Justice has clearly ruled against the application of the Association Agreement between the EU and the Kingdom of Morocco in the occupied territories of Western Sahara. The judgment, which was handed down in December 2016, follows the UN decisions recognising the territory of Western Sahara as distinct and separate from Morocco. Like the UN, it also recognises the Polisario Front as the sole legitimate representative of the Sahrawi people.

As has already been announced, the Commission, through its High Representative, is currently negotiating the redrafting of the Agreement with the Moroccan authorities. Can the High Representative say whether the provisions of the judgment handed down by the European Court of Justice will be taken into account in the negotiations?