

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4554/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Moroccan advanced status

In the context of the ongoing negotiations to grant Morocco an advanced status with the European Union, which is to be finalised under the French Presidency, would the Commission clarify why the question of Western Sahara is not mentioned in the current EC draft document?

Given that the current negotiations are an opportunity to engage with Morocco over the ongoing 34-year-long illegal occupation of Western Sahara, as well as the numerous human rights abuses committed against the Saharawi people during this time, how will the Commission ensure that it will raise the issue, thus sending out the message that the EU holds respect for human rights in high regard?