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to the Commission**
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Subject: Reforms in Morocco

The events in the Mediterranean area have also had an impact on the situation in Morocco. According to the EU, relations with Morocco within the framework of the new Neighbourhood Policy are to receive a new boost with a view to cooperation giving priority to democracy and prosperity on both sides of the Mediterranean. The EEAS and the Commission must be geared to stimulating reforms, taking account of the needs and the level of economic and social development of each partner country, employing a 'more for more' performance-based method. The EU, in the person of Eneko Landaburu, has stated that it supports the reforms in Morocco¹.

It is claimed in some quarters, however, that the Moroccan reforms have little or no substance, while the EU plays the ostrich, not wishing to mention or address the problems in Morocco.

Does the Commission support the statements of the EU ambassador in Morocco?

What is the Commission's view of the human rights situation in Morocco? Does it consider it satisfactory? What is the EU doing to oppose human rights violations in the country?

How will the new Neighbourhood Policy influence developments in Morocco? What reforms must Morocco carry out in order to ensure that the 'more for more' principle can fully apply there? Does the Commission have confidence that these reforms will actually be carried out?

¹ <http://www.lematin.ma/journal/L-Union-europeenne-salue-les-reformes-au-Maroc/169185.html>