

**Question for written answer E-005415/2018/rev.1**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Attempt to legitimise Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara

The twentieth International Frozen Seafood Exhibition (Conxemar), held in Vigo on 2-4 October, was attended by over 700 companies covering the entire range of activities in the seafood processing sector, including wholesale, import, manufacture distribution, plant and equipment, etc. One of those taking part was the Moroccan company Atlas Pelagic, which is exploiting and pillaging natural resources in the Sahara. It occupied a stand representing the Moroccan city of Dakhla in what was clearly an attempt to legitimise the occupation of Western Sahara by the Kingdom of Morocco in breach of numerous judgments handed down by the Court of Justice of the European Union.

As early as 2016, we protested at Morocco's proposal to include Dakhla at the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions held on 2-4 November in the Azores.

1. Does the High Representative condemn the Kingdom of Morocco's efforts to legitimise its occupation of Western Sahara by laying claim to Dakhla as a Moroccan city?
2. Given that the fisheries agreements between the European Union and Morocco are in breach of the judgments of the CJEU, does the Commission intend to perpetuate this situation through failure to obtain the consent of the Sahrawi people to the drawing up of agreements?