

Question for written answer E-001162/2022

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Spanish recognition of the Moroccan plan for autonomy for Western Sahara

The Moroccan royal house announced that it received a letter from the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, a fact subsequently confirmed by the latter.

That letter states that ‘Spain considers the Moroccan initiative for autonomy to be the most serious, realistic and credible basis for a resolution of the dispute’, referring to the autonomy plan for Western Sahara proposed by Morocco in 2007, which runs counter to international law as applicable to a territory yet to be decolonised and recognised as such by the United Nations.

In light of the above, and bearing in mind the provisions of international law, EU case-law and UN Security Council resolutions applicable to Western Sahara:

1. What is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative's of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European External Action Service's assessment of the Moroccan autonomy plan for Western Sahara?
2. Do they consider it to be in keeping with international law?