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

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Subject: Establishing a Western Sahara task force within the European External Action Service

The European External Action Service (EEAS) has a division for relations with the Maghreb countries. Given Western Sahara's unique situation, there should be a task force within that unit specifically dealing with this area, which constitutes a non-self-governing territory under international law. Some Member States have already set up such structures.

Furthermore, given the revelations of Morocco's undue lobbying of the European Union and the diplomatic incident which has occurred, strengthening relations with Western Sahara and working towards a lawful solution would be a gesture of bilateral political diplomacy which would serve as an example of European diplomacy.

Does the EEAS intend to take this step, essential for our bilateral relationship with Morocco, at this crucial juncture, in which the Court of Justice of the European Union has signalled that dealings concerning Western Sahara's resources should be conducted with its legitimate representative, the Polisario Front?

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