

**Question for written answer E-000813/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Negotiations on the EU-Morocco fisheries agreement

Just a few months before the fisheries agreement with Morocco comes to an end, there is still a lack of transparency in the negotiations with the representatives of the Alawi government and a lack of contact with the Sahrawi people through their legitimate representative. The General Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union have ruled that this and other agreements with Morocco are illegal, and have confirmed that, in accordance with international law, the legitimate representative of the Sahrawi people is the Polisario Front, which must be involved in the negotiations that affect its territory, including its marine resources.

In view of the above:

1. At what stage is the renewal of the fisheries agreement with Morocco?
2. Will the Commission suspend the negotiations on the agreement in accordance with the latest CJEU ruling, or does the legal certainty safeguard under international agreements apply to the negotiations?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the Polisario Front has its rightful place in the negotiations on the renewal of the fisheries agreement, as required by the rulings of the EU courts?

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