

**Question for written answer E-014699/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Extractivism in Western Saharan territories

Forty years after the Green March, the European Union continues to make gestures that consolidate and legitimise the occupation of the territory of Western Sahara by Morocco.

European oil companies such as Cairn Energy or Total have concessions granted by the Moroccan National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines for the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the waters of Western Sahara.

As you know, the legal opinion given by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Hans Corell, in 2002, deemed that natural resource exploitation in Western Sahara should be undertaken for the benefit of the Sahrawi people and on its behalf or in consultation with its representatives.

What concrete action is the EU taking to make the Corell doctrine known to European companies and citizens?