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Subject: VP/HR - Possible Special Representative for the Western Sahara

On 6 November we marked the 40th anniversary of the 'Green March' and, therefore, the 40th year of the Moroccan occupation of the Western Sahara, whose decolonisation process under the auspices of the UN remains unresolved.

Regrettably, the European Union has completely disregarded the conflict at a political level, such that the status quo has become entrenched and the Saharan people's hopes of self-rule remain compromised.

1. Why will the High Representative not appoint an EU Special Representative for the Western Sahara as was done for other conflicts such as Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Afghanistan, and for the Middle East Peace Process?
2. Why does the EEAS not have a 'desk officer' for the Western Sahara?
3. Why is this issue never considered by the Foreign Affairs Council which the High Representative chairs?