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to the Council**

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Subject: 40 years since the 'Green March'

Morocco has occupied Western Sahara for 40 years now, ever since the Green March whose 40th anniversary falls on 6 November. The process of decolonising Western Sahara under the aegis of the UN was never completed.

Regrettably the European Union does not pay any political attention to this conflict, an attitude that simply consolidates the status quo and places the hopes of the Saharawi people for self-determination in jeopardy.

1. Why has this issue not been discussed for years now in the Council group responsible for Maghreb-Mashreq matters?
2. Why is the UN Secretary General's Personal Envoy, Christopher Ross, never invited to a meeting of the Political and Security Council (PSC)?
3. Why have the ministerial Foreign Affairs Councils never discussed this issue?