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Subject: VP/HR - Spain as de jure administering power of the territory of Western Sahara

According to the report of 29 January 2002 by the UN Deputy Secretary General for Legal Matters, Hans Corell, the so-called 'Madrid Agreement' of 14 November 1975 on Western Sahara did not transfer sovereignty over the territory nor did it confer upon any of the signatories (Morocco and Mauritania) the status of an administering power, a status which Spain alone could not have unilaterally transferred.

In this report the United Nations considers Spain to be the territory's de jure administering power. Is this the EU's view too?