

**Question for written answer E-004233/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU-Morocco Association Agreement and EU-Morocco Strategic Partnership

Given the recent amendment to the EU–Morocco Association Agreement concerning products from Western Sahara and the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union:

1. On what legal basis does the Commission consider that a unilateral EU humanitarian aid declaration, that is separate from the agreement, fulfils the Court of Justice of the European Union requirement that such agreements deliver ‘specific, tangible, substantial and verifiable benefits’ to the Sahrawi people under Article 3(5) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and established case-law?
2. How does the Commission assess that the legal approach adopted in this case, including the use of regional designations and reliance on presumed consent, affects the Union’s legal and political consistency in its treatment of other territorial disputes/occupations (e.g. Crimea, Palestine, Northern Cyprus)? In this context, how does the planned EU–Morocco Strategic Partnership address rule of law, democracy and human rights considerations in accordance with Article 21 TEU and the EU’s external action principles?

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