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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Statement by EU foreign affairs spokesperson regarding Morocco's proposal on Western Sahara

UN Security Council Resolution 2797, proposed by the United States, reflects Morocco's unilateral position on Western Sahara. By endorsing Morocco's autonomy plan as the most 'feasible' outcome, the resolution alters the legal parameters of the conflict, effectively prioritising the proposal of the occupying power while downgrading the Sahrawi people's right to self-determination. This marks a departure from the established legal framework of decolonisation under international law, where self-determination is the core principle governing Western Sahara's status. The proposal was also developed without the participation of the Sahrawi people or of the Polisario Front, which the UN recognises as their legitimate representative.

Recently, Anouar El Anouni, an EU spokesperson for foreign affairs, stated that the EU supports the proposal, which takes as its basis 'Morocco's autonomy initiative'¹. If this position is confirmed, it would signal that the EU is distancing itself from international law and the UN-led decolonisation process, instead prioritising the agenda of the occupying power.

1. Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy clarify whether the EU indeed supports Morocco's proposal on Western Sahara, even though this proposal originates from the occupying power and has not been negotiated between the parties?
2. What will the EU do to uphold the Sahrawi people's right to self-determination?

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¹ Midday press briefing of 3 November 2025 on foreign affairs – Morocco / Western Sahara (Q&A), <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/media/video/I-280028>.