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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: Polisario Front

For nearly 40 years, the Polisario Front has been implicated in numerous attacks targeting civilians, including Europeans. The most recent attack, on 5 May 2026 in Es-Smara, left one person injured and was condemned by the European Union, France and the United States.

Meanwhile, the EU allocates EUR 9 million of humanitarian aid per year to the Tindouf camps, which are administered by the Polisario Front, while the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is not permitted to carry out an independent census of the camps' residents, despite the UN's repeated requests for such a census. Furthermore, on 2 October 2025, the EU indicated its intention to increase this aid.

This situation raises questions about the traceability of EU funds benefiting, even indirectly, an organisation that employs terrorist methods.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission intend to make any increase in humanitarian aid for the Tindouf camps conditional on an independent registration of beneficiaries by the UNHCR, in order to guarantee the transparency and sound management of EU funds?
2. Given the repeated attacks targeting the civilian population, has the Commission assessed, or does it intend to assess, the situation of the Polisario Front against the criteria applicable for inclusion on the EU's list of terrorist organisations?

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