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**Regarding: The recently concluded trade agreement with Morocco, which also covers Western Sahara.**

Dear Roberta,

We write to you in your capacity as the President of the European Parliament, regarding a serious matter: the trade agreement that the European Commission recently concluded with the Kingdom of Morocco, and which explicitly covers goods from illegally occupied Western Sahara.

This agreement is problematic both because it would allow Morocco to economically benefit from an occupation which is illegal under international law, because it ignores the very reasons that the European Court of justice has on several occasions invalidated previous agreements, and because its de-facto acceptance of the occupation contributes to undermining an international rule of law-based system.

In addition to this, the Commission's intent to have the agreement enter into provisional effect before the European Parliament has had time to deal with, flies against the previously clearly expressed opinion of the European Parliament.

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, therefore, ask you to swiftly and firmly act on this matter, by officially and in no uncertain terms rebuking the European Commission on the following points:

- Wanting a trade agreement to enter provisionally into force, before the European Parliament has approved it - something which the Parliament has explicitly told the European Commission not to do again.
- Wanting to conclude an agreement which so clearly ignores numerous decisions by the ECJ on the same topic.
- Contributing to undermining an international rules-based community, by de-facto rewarding the continued illegal occupation of Western Sahara via the agreement, which allows the Kingdom of Morocco to continue to economically exploit Western Sahara.

Looking forward to your reply

With kind regards

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