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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The EU supports the United Nations' (UN) efforts to find a peaceful settlement to the Western Sahara question, based on the latest relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and according to the UN parameters. The Commission looks forward to the resumption of UN-led discussions and to the swift appointment of a new Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Western Sahara.

All the regional actors should exercise self-restraint and use their best endeavours to contribute to the de-escalation of regional tensions, the restoration of calm and the preservation of the 1991 ceasefire, with a view to working jointly towards regional stability, security and development. The free movement of goods and people in the Maghreb region and towards the wider Sahel region should be upheld.