The High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs Mr. Josep Borrell, affirmed on Thursday 24 March 2022, that the Spanish government's support for the Moroccan autonomy plan for the Sahara, as being "the most serious, realistic and credible basis" for the settlement of the artificial conflict around the Moroccan Sahara, "is part of the UN framework.

In an interview with Spanish television TVE, the EU's chief diplomat clarified that "the position of Spain, which has opted for the support of the autonomy proposed by Morocco, is always in line with the UN and UN Security Council resolutions.

For him, the support expressed by the government of Pedro Sanchez for the Moroccan initiative is "similar to that adopted by Germany and France, and all these positions respond to the UN Charter which pleads for a negotiated solution between the parties concerned".

And to add that "the EU continues to advocate the same approach, namely a negotiated solution between the parties".

As a reminder, the EU welcomed, on Monday, the positive development of relations between Morocco and Spain, "beneficial for the implementation of the Euro-Moroccan partnership as a whole".

The European position aligns with that of the UN, which favors pragmatism, realism, sustainability and the spirit of compromise, thus confirming the pre-eminence of the Moroccan autonomy initiative as being the most credible solution, the more realistic and viable to the artificial regional conflict around the Moroccan Sahara.