



Conferência Interparlamentar sobre o Sahara Ocidental 2024
Conferencia Interparlamentaria sobre el Sáhara Occidental 2024
Interparliamentary Conference on Western Sahara 2024
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FINAL DECLARATION

Members of Parliament gathered at the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic in Lisbon on November 28, 2024, before the 48th edition of the EUCOCO to be held in this city:

- We reaffirm our clear and determined support for the right to self-determination of the Saharawi people;
- We extend our best wishes for a successful 48th European Conference for Support and Solidarity with the Sahrawi People (EUCOCO);
- We recognize and support the decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which last October, in line with previous judicial rulings, ruled that the fishing and agricultural agreements signed between the European Union and Morocco violate the self-determination of Western Sahara and must be annulled;
- On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Portuguese democracy and one year before the 50th anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Western Sahara, we reaffirm our hope that what has been established by the United Nations for the Sahrawi territory is finally fulfilled, granting its citizens the opportunity to freely determine their future through a referendum;
- We express our concern about the deteriorating conditions of the Sahrawi population with respect to human rights, urging the Moroccan government to allow entry into the territory for human rights organizations and independent international observers. Similarly, we urge the United Nations to include monitoring, defense, and respect for human rights within the mandates and functions of MINURSO – the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;
- We note with concern the evolving international political situation, particularly recent decisions by countries such as France and Spain in favour of the so-called "autonomy plan" for Western Sahara proposed by the Moroccan government, as well as the recent victories of authoritarian leaders who support this plan, including Donald Trump in the United States of America;
- We urge the Portuguese government to adopt a clear position in support of the referendum for self-determination in Western Sahara, demonstrating the same determination that Portugal rightly showed in defending the self-determination of Timor-Leste;

- Finally, we call on parliamentarians from all countries to, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the forcible occupation of Western Sahara to be marked in 2025, present proposals in their parliaments to defend respect for human rights in Western Sahara and to support the right to self-determination of the Sahrawi people.

Lisbon, November 28, 2024