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WORKSHOP ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SAHRAWI STATE

1. Given that the Western Sahara conflict is a decolonisation issue, it is necessary to promote common political initiatives, to be carried out by the entire solidarity movement, prioritising the following **axes**:

1.1. Continue to support and promote political initiatives, lobbying international organisations (UN and EU) and the governments of Morocco, the USA, France and Spain, as well as other governments to:

- ◆ The holding of the referendum on self-determination that will allow Western Sahara to become independent, in compliance with UN resolutions.
- ◆ The end of the plundering of natural resources in Western Sahara in accordance with the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- ◆ The end of human rights violations by the Kingdom of Morocco in Western Sahara, the release of all Sahrawi political prisoners in Moroccan jails, as well as the opening of the occupied territory to international observer commissions and the protection of human rights defenders.
- ◆ The cessation of military manoeuvres promoted by the Moroccan government in Western Sahara, whether on land, at sea or in the air.
- ◆ It also denounces the illegality of the unilateral recognitions by various governments (Spain, France, United States, etc.) of the Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara as being against international law and the legitimate rights of the Sahrawi people.

1.2. Continue to promote a CAMPAIGN to put under pressure the Spanish government, in view of its status as an administering power of the territory and its responsibility, **to promote**:

- ◆ Reverse the positioning in favour of Moroccan claims over Western Sahara, in flagrant contravention of international law, UN principles and resolutions, and the legitimate rights of the Sahrawi people to self-determination and independence.
- ◆ To annul the Madrid agreements of 1975 and to promote the necessary political initiatives in defence of the legitimate rights of the Sahrawi people to self-determination and independence, bearing in mind that this is a matter of decolonisation within the framework of the United Nations.

- ◆ Recognise the diplomatic status of the representation of the POLISARIO Front in Spain, taking into account its status as the sole and legitimate representative of the Sahrawi people, as established in UN resolutions and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- ◆ Significantly increase of the humanitarian and development cooperation with the Sahrawi refugee population, through formulas that guarantee its sustainability and the maintenance of essential services to the refugee population in Tindouf.

For the above-mentioned campaign, the Follow-up Commission will specify the content, timetable and execution of the campaign, favouring coordination with the other workshops within the Task Force.

1.3. Call for an urgent solution to the current state of war that avoids military escalation in the region and the death of innocent people. This requires decisive and credible action by the United Nations and the European Union on the Kingdom of Morocco to ensure respect for international law in Western Sahara and the implementation of UN resolutions that guarantee the option of independence for the Saharawi people. To this end, a permanent *lobbying* action with the different national and international institutions within the EUCOCO coordination framework is essential.

2. Priorities for for further supporting the development and consolidation of the Sahrawi State by 2025 will focus on enhancing:

- ◆ The National Health System.
- ◆ The National Education System.
- ◆ Strengthening the civil service in all ministries.
- ◆ Job creation in the camps, especially for women and youth.
- ◆ The democratic participation of the population, promoting the proper functioning of the *dairas* and *wilayas*.
- ◆ The development of the territories under the jurisdiction of the POLISARIO Front.

To achieve the above, it is crucial to ensure the **establishment of a system of incentives and motivations** to maintain the Sahrawi workers who support these public services in the refugee population camps, preventing their emigration and guaranteeing the service in minimum conditions. To this end, a specific cooperation project will be managed with the different governments and public institutions, articulated in a way that does not entail a reduction in current development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

In order to achieve the resources to meet the need outlined above, it is necessary to involve:

- ◆ The Spanish state as an administering power in Western Sahara.
- ◆ The European Union and the United Nations Agencies.
- ◆ Cities, regional and national governments.

A Follow-up Commission will promote a permanent lobbying action to obtain these funds for this purpose in each of the institutions and countries.

3. In addition to the incentive system, it is imperative to substantially increase decentralised and bilateral cooperation aimed at :

- ◆ Dealing with flood damage in September 2024.
- ◆ Development cooperation and humanitarian aid to meet basic needs and create jobs.
- ◆ Projects for the development of the territories under the jurisdiction of the POLISARIO Front.
- ◆ Resources earmarked to meet needs in the occupied territories.
- ◆ Projects to support the administrative functions of the *wilayas* and *dairas*. To this end, the SADR Ministry of Cooperation will draw up a proposal.
- ◆ The Vacation in Peace projects are highly valued, as well as various health, education and public service projects that are promoted in different countries.

The need for awareness-raising campaigns is envisaged in order to raise awareness among donor institutions and social organisations about the substantial increase and sustainable nature of development cooperation and humanitarian aid. As well as the identity of the Sahrawi people, their cultural values, history, etc. This is especially important for the younger generations.

4. Continue to engage with new cities and regional governments to collaborate in:

- ◆ Technical training for Sahrawi workers.
- ◆ Technical advice on specific issues.
- ◆ Drawing on experience in the management of public services.
- ◆ Administrative and bureaucratic functioning.
- ◆ The provision of financial and material resources.

To this end, new twinning arrangements with the Saharawi Wilayas and Dairas and cooperation agreements will be promoted on a stable basis as far as possible, specifying a protocol of contents and actions.

To this end, the organisation of City Conferences in each country and at the international level of Cities of Solidarity and Twinning will be managed.

To achieve an **optimisation in the use of resources** through the intensive use of new technologies in support of government management at all levels, with the development of the following objectives:

- ◆ Creation of a working group with this task.
- ◆ Drafting of the legal basis for the processing of information.
- ◆ Identification of the specific processes to be computerised.
- ◆ Ongoing staff training.

- ◆ Meeting the needs in terms of technological infrastructures.
- ◆ Use and updating of new technology, content creators and social networks.

5. Incorporate at a communicative level the **commitment to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. This is a political agreement of almost all the world's governments and is applicable in all its contents to the situation in Western Sahara.

6. Priorities for 2025:

1. **Promote** projects to manage new incentives in the different institutions, which will be coordinated by the Secretariat.

2. **Increase** development cooperation and humanitarian aid, promoting the programme proposed by the SADR Ministry of Cooperation and promoting the relevant agreements to ensure greater sustainability.

3. **Organisation of Solidarity and Twinning Cities Conferences** in different countries:

- Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf: From 24 to 28 February 2025
- In Spain, coordinated by FEDISSAH on 16 May 2025 in Vilanova i la Geltru (Catalonia).
- In Italy on 7 July 2025 (city to be specified)
- In France, to be determined.

7. **Functioning of the Workshop Follow-up Commission** for the promotion and coordination of the 2025 Working Plan:

The Commission will be made up of Saharawi and solidarity movement officials from the different countries that coordinate these issues. It will have a **Coordination Secretariat** to facilitate the operability and permanent follow-up of the approved plan, as well as the calendar of scheduled meetings and coordination with the Task Force.

The Commission will be coordinated by Carmelo Ramírez and Abdulah Arabi and will be **convened in the second half of January** to establish the development of the work plan, timetable and its execution.

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