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### **48<sup>th</sup> EUCOCO WORKSHOP HUMAN RIGHTS AND OCCUPIED TERRITORY**

#### **PROPOSALS FOR 2025**

The workshop, made up of some 70 people, met today and, after the presentations and assessment of the work carried out and what needs to be improved or increased, the following conclusions and proposals for the year 2025 were reached:

##### *1. Campaigns*

- ◆ Continue the work already started and improve the coordination of the different social initiatives such as: the adoption of Saharawi political prisoners and the support and accompaniment of families, with special attention to the prisoners of the Gdeim Izik group. This coordination is essential to guarantee the right support for the political prisoners and their families, taking into account the circumstances of each family.
- ◆ Organisation of international missions, including Latin America and Africa, to the occupied territory (observers, political and legal experts, solidarity movement), insisting on the need for coordination for these actions.
- ◆ This group invites the solidarity movement to follow up the MARCH FOR FREEDOM (between March and June 2025) led by Claude Mangin-Asfari, by collaborating with this proposal in logistical, organisational, media and political support.
- ◆ Promotion of the presence of the Diaspora and the solidarity movement in the annual demonstration in front of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to demand the release of political prisoners and the extension of MINURSO's mandate (June 2025).
- ◆ In the framework of the International Human Rights Day and the campaign programmed by the UN to celebrate it with the slogan "OUR RIGHTS, OUR FUTURE, NOW!", we propose to the whole solidarity movement the campaign that consists of adding to this slogan "SAHRAWIS PRISONERS: NO RIGHTS, NO FUTURE AND WHAT ABOUT THE UN?" to be shared through all the media.
- ◆ Support the campaign of Sahrawi Active Youth for 17 April 2025, the international day of political prisoners.
- ◆ Invite the whole solidarity movement to continue to include the denunciation of the Moroccan WALL in their campaigns.

- ◆ Take advantage of social media and new communication channels to spread information and awareness-raising materials in order to reach a wider audience.

## *2. International complaints*

- ◆ Continue the work of lodging complaints with the UN Working Group, special procedures, UN specialised committees. Provide the necessary support to the technical team of the occupied territory and the team of lawyers who draft the complaints.
- ◆ Denounce all the drone attacks on civilians, which violate the principles of distinction and proportionality, attacks that constitute war crimes, before the competent international bodies.

## *3. Research, documentation and international advocacy*

- ◆ In the framework of the periodic review of Spain in 2025, coinciding with its election as a member of the Human Rights Council from January 2025, carry out advocacy work at state and NGO level to demand Spain's historical and legal responsibility in relation to Western Sahara.
- ◆ Drafting and public launch of the annual report (2024) on human rights violations in Western Sahara. This will be done, in the first instance, in the framework of the Human Rights Council session in March 2025, with a commitment to ensure its maximum dissemination thereafter.
- ◆ Presentation of the report on the attacks on the Saharawi civilian population in liberated territory, as a war crime. We propose its presentation at the session of the Human Rights Council in June 2025, committing ourselves to ensure its maximum subsequent dissemination.
- ◆ Continue meetings with the different permanent representations of the countries to the UN in Geneva and New York.
- ◆ Work towards joint actions to take advantage of the judgements of the CJEU on 4 October 2024.
- ◆ Document and publish cases of expulsion of international observers from the occupied territory of Western Sahara.
- ◆ Promote university research and awareness-raising in academia in favour of Western Sahara's right to self-determination and respect for human rights in the occupied territory of Western Sahara.
- ◆ Documentation, awareness-raising and evaluation of the settlers' demographic occupation of the territory, with a view to preparing a dispute, as it is classified as a war crime.

## *4. Attention to the protection of prisoners and enforced disappearances*

- ◆ Insist on the intervention of the International Committee of the Red Cross urging it to assume its responsibilities under international humanitarian law.

- ◆ Under the protection of the current legal instruments in Spain, act to achieve truth, justice, reparation and memory for victims, with special emphasis on enforced disappearance.
- ◆ Include psychosocial support for victims in all actions related to the protection of prisoners and enforced disappearances as well as victims of torture.

#### 5. EUCOCO Human Rights Workshop Coordination and Follow-up Structure

- ◆ Improving coordination and communication of the standing Human Rights group.
- ◆ Improving the motivation and commitment of the organisations that make up the working group.
- ◆ Promoting political and social advocacy from the organisations that form part of the working group.

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