

To the kind attention of:

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European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy

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Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Dear Commissioner,

Dear Vice-President,

Dear Secretary-General,

From the 7th to the 18th of November, the 22nd Climate Summit (COP22) takes place in Marrakech, Morocco, an opportunity to defend and address the causes of climate change and to implement the decisions taken at the previous COP21 in Paris.

The Climate Conference in Morocco is a good time to draw attention to the importance of renewable energies and Euro-Mediterranean energy cooperation. Morocco is undoubtedly committed to renewable energies as seen in the programs that is promoting. The problem is that many of these projects are not implemented in Morocco but in the territory of Western Sahara.

Currently 22 windmills manufactured by the German company Siemens provide 95% of the energy needed by the Moroccan national company OCP for the controversial exploitation of phosphates in the territory of Western Sahara occupied by Morocco. Morocco has ambitious plans regarding the installation of wind farms in Western Sahara. In 2010, the Moroccan government decided to double national wind power production by increasing its capacity to 1000 MW by 2020. 40% of that additional capacity (400 MW) will be developed in Western Sahara.

The Court of Justice of the European Union recently ordered the annulment of the EU-Morocco Free Trade Agreement as long as it applied in the territory of Western Sahara.

We, the undersigned, demand:

- Member States to provide information to companies wishing to invest on the Moroccan government's activities in Western Sahara contrary to international law.

- The European Union to ensure that its Moroccan energy imports do not include energy from Western Sahara and that its institutions comply with the EU's commitment not to allocate EU funds to these programs in Western Sahara.

- The Secretary General of the United Nations to ensure compliance with United Nations resolutions regarding the exploitation of natural resources in a Non-Self-Governing Territory.

Looking forward to your kind reply.

Kind regards,

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*Spanish Sahara was included in 1963 in the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories under Chapter XI of the Charter (A/5514, annex III)

*Resolution of the General Assembly 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962:

Principle of “permanent sovereignty over natural resources” as the right of peoples and nations to use and dispose of the natural resources in their territories in the interest of their national development and well-being.

*Resolutions of the General Assembly 48/46 of 10 December 1992 and 49/40 of 9 December 1994:

“the exploitation and plundering of the marine and other natural resources of colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories by foreign economic interests, in violation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, is a threat to the integrity and prosperity of those Territories”, and “any administering Power that deprives the colonial peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories of the exercise of their legitimate rights over their natural resources ... violates the solemn obligations it has assumed under the Charter of the United Nations”.