

Frente POLISARIO

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Mohamed Sidati, Minister Delegate for Europe and member of the National Secretariat of the POLISARIO Front, welcomes the position taken by the European Parliament in its report on "Human rights worldwide and the EU policy in this area", adopted on Wednesday April 18. The European Parliament has clearly reaffirmed its support for the Saharawi people to exercise their right to self-determination, and has appealed for human rights to be respected in Western Sahara, asking Morocco in particular to end its repression and its oppression.

In particular, the European Parliament has called for the establishment of an international mechanism for monitoring human rights in Western Sahara. This comes at a time where the Western Sahara issue is again being discussed at the UN. The European Parliament calls on the UN Security Council to give the MINURSO the task of monitoring the human rights issues in Western Sahara.

This position of the European Parliament is a message, loud and clear, for Morocco to abide by its commitments and finally accept the right of the Saharawi people to self-determination without further delay.

"The European Parliament,
recalls its resolution of 25 November 2010 on the situation in Western Sahara;
condemns the ongoing repression of Sahrawi people in the occupied territories and calls for their fundamental rights, including freedom of association, freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate, to be respected;
calls for the release of the 80 Sahrawi political prisoners and, as a matter of priority, of the 23 who have been held without trial in Salé prison following the dismantling of the Gdeim Izik camp;
reiterates its call for the establishment of an international mechanism to monitor human rights in the Western Sahara and for a fair and lasting settlement of the conflict on the basis of the right to self-determination

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of the Sahrawi people, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions”

Report of the European Parliament on "Human rights worldwide and the EU policy in this area" April 18, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohamed Sidati', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mohamed Sidati

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