

WESTERN SAHARA REPORT

The EL parties demand the **fulfilment of international legality and the celebration of a referendum of self-determination**, so that the People of Western Sahara can freely decide their own destiny.

Franco dictatorship abandoned the territory that Spain had administered for 80 years in an anomalous way. Western Sahara is one of the few territories that were recognised as non autonomous and under supervision of the Decolonisation Committee of United Nations. **This abandonment by Spain has neither finished the decolonisation process started by UN, nor legitimised the illegal occupation of this territory by Morocco. Therefore Spain must recognise its role as Colonising power and must finish the decolonisation by celebrating a self-determination referendum.**

The **situation of prosecution, mistreatment and oppression that suffer the Saharawi People by the administration, the police and the Moroccan army must be reported** in all the international forums.

In view of this double situation of breach of **international legality**, on one hand by not celebrating the self-determination referendum that would end the decolonisation process, and on the other, by the clear attacks to human rights, **all the Parties decided:**

- **To organise a visit of an ELP delegation to the Occupied Territories and to make a report on the reality of the Saharawi People.**
- **To develop a campaign to the European civil society on the illegal occupation of Western Sahara by Morocco and the continuous violation of human rights, specially to promote a recognition of the fight of Aminetou Haidar, human rights activist.**
- **To join the initiative on the defence of Saharawi human rights activists directed to the European Union promoted by Eduardo Galeano.**
- **To demand the cancelation of the EU-Morocco Fisheries Agreement as it includes the Saharawi territory on which Morocco does not have any right.**
- **To promote within the European Parliament the cancelation of the Advanced Status that EU has given to Morocco -which is going to be the main subject on the next EU-Morocco Summit-, as Morocco is illegally occupying the territory of Western Sahara and is systematically violating human rights.**
- **To promote the inclusion of the Western Sahara issue in the European Social Forum to be held in Turkey soon.**

The meeting of the ELP members, with the assistance of the Communist Party of France, Synaspismos of Greece, AKEL of Cyprus, Die Linke of Germany, Rifondazione Comunista of Italy, Communist Party of Spain, United Left of Spain, KPO- Communist Party of Austria, received information of the occupied areas of Western Sahara and the situation of the negotiation process for the implementation of the UN resolutions. This information was given by Inés Miranda, lawyer and member of the International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara, and also by Mohamed Sidati, Minister delegated for Europe of the Polisario Front.