

# SADR welcomes annulment of EU-Morocco agreements over Western Sahara by the ECJ

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The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic  
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Press Statement

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The Court has confirmed the substance of its previous rulings regarding the absence of any sovereign ties between Morocco and Western Sahara because they are separate and distinct countries.

It also reaffirmed the right of the Sahrawi people to self-determination and the representativeness of the Frente POLISARIO in accordance with international law.

The court recognized that the representative capacity of the Frente POLISARIO and the legal personality that it enjoys to plead before the courts to defend the national interests of the Sahrawi people.

The court dismissed the fallacy that the European Council sought to introduce by using the term "the interest of the population" instead of "the consent of the Sahrawi people" as two different issues.

The Sahrawi Republic and the Frente POLISARIO call on all authorities, governments, institutions and concerned to fully comply with the provisions of this European Court of Justice. The Sahrawi Republic and the Frente POLISARIO renew their readiness to enter into partnerships and cooperation with states and public and private companies to reach agreements for investment and resource exploitation based on respect for the permanent sovereignty of the Saharawi people over their land and wealth, which can only be exploited with their prior consent expressed through their national

institutions.

While the Sahrawi Republic recalls that the territory of Western Sahara has been in a state of war since Morocco violated the cease-fire on 13 November 2020, it renews its non-responsibility for the damage that may be caused to foreign interests involved with the Moroccan occupier in violating the sovereignty of the Sahrawi Republic and looting its wealth and in the war crimes and crimes against humanity that the Moroccan occupying authorities continue to commit against the Sahrawi people in the occupied territories.