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WORK PROPOSAL FOR 2023

1. **Demand an urgent solution to the current state of war** that prevents military escalation in the region and the death of innocent people. This requires determined and credible action by the UN and the EU on the Government of Morocco to respect international legality in Western Sahara and the application of UN resolutions that guarantee the option of independence for the Saharawi people.
2. **Continue promoting a campaign to put pressure so that the Spanish Government, due to its status as administrative power of the territory and its responsibility, promotes:**
 - The nullification of the Madrid Accords of 1975 and the promotion of necessary political initiatives in defense of the legitimate right of the Saharawi people to self-determination and independence, as it is a matter of decolonization within the framework of the UN
 - Recognize the diplomatic status of the representation of the Frente POLISARIO in Spain, as the sole representative of the Saharawi people, as established in the resolutions of the United Nations.
 - Significantly increase humanitarian and development cooperation with the Saharawi refugee population, with formulas that guarantee its sustainability, and the maintenance of essential services for the refugee population.
 - Material support to address the effects of COVID-19 and the current economic crisis both in the camps and in the liberated territories.
3. **Continue supporting and promoting initiatives of a political nature,** putting pressure on international organizations (UN and EU) and the governments of Morocco, France and Spain (administering power of the territory) and other governments to:
 - Hold a referendum on self-determination and independence of Western



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Sahara, in compliance with UN resolutions.

- Stop the plundering of Natural Resources in Western Sahara, the application of the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 2016, 2018 and 2021.
 - Put an end to the violation of Human Rights by the Government of Morocco in the Western Sahara and demand the release of all Saharawi political prisoners in Moroccan prisons, as well as the opening of the territory to international observers, Human Rights defenders.
- 4. The priorities to continue supporting the development of the Saharawi State for 2023 will focus on strengthening:**
- The National Health System.
 - The National Education System.
 - The Public Function.
 - The creation of employment in the camps, especially aimed at women and youth.
 - The democratic participation of the population.
- 5. To achieve the above, it is necessary to face the establishment of a system of incentives and motivations** to keep the Saharawi workers who support these public services in the refugee camps, avoiding their emigration and guaranteeing the service to the population in some minimum conditions. To this end, a cooperation project will be managed with the different governments and public institutions, which does not imply a reduction in humanitarian cooperation.
- 6. In order to obtain the resources aimed at establishing a system of incentives in the civil service, it is necessary to involve:**
- The Spanish State as an administering power of Western Sahara.



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- The European Union and the United Nations.
- The cities, regional and national governments.

For this purpose, the Monitoring Commission will promote a permanent lobbying action to mobilize these funds aimed at reaching the objectives described above.

Similarly, it is necessary to substantiate from the technical point of view the need for incentives to guarantee the viability of the projects.

7. In addition to the incentive system, it is essential to substantially increase projects aimed at:

- Combating the effects of COVID-19 in the camps.
- Humanitarian cooperation to meet basic needs.
- Development cooperation to create jobs and enable development actions.
- Projects towards the development of the liberated territories.
- Resources to cover needs in the occupied areas.
- Projects to support the administrative functions of the wilayas and dairas. To this end, the SADR Ministry of Cooperation will prepare a proposal for 2023.

8. Continue managing the incorporation of other countries, new cities and regional governments to collaborate in:

- The technical training of Saharawi workers.
- Technical advice on specific issues.
- Take advantage of experience in the management of public services.
- Administrative and bureaucratic functioning.
- The contribution of financial and material resources.

With this objective in mind, new **twinning** initiatives with the Saharawi wilayas and dairas will be promoted.

To this end, an International Conference of Solidarity and Twin Cities in Spain and



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another International Conference in Italy will be organized during 2023.

Similarly, a space for coordination and communication will be created between the European Solidarity Movement and that of Latin America to raise awareness and jointly carry out campaigns.

Additionally, cooperation will be promoted towards the training of young Sahrawis and those responsible for administrative management through collaboration with the University of Tifariti and Algerian universities, especially Tindouf, and other universities from different countries.

9. Achieve optimization in the use of resources through the intensive use of new technologies in support of government management at all levels, with the development of the following objectives:

- Creation of a working group with this task.
- Drafting of the legal basis for the treatment of information.
- Identification of the specific processes that will be computerized.
- Cover the needs in terms of technological infrastructures.
- Constant staff training.

10. Incorporate into the discourse the commitment to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is a political agreement assumed by practically all the governments of the planet and applicable in all its contents to the situation of Western Sahara.

11. Priorities for 2023:

The work plan will focus on the following priorities:

- **Incentive system** (points 5 and 6 of the Plan). A project will be developed to be implemented in the different institutions, and to be coordinated by the Secretariat.
- **Increase Humanitarian Cooperation**, by promoting the program prepared by the SADR Ministry of Cooperation and promoting agreements to give more sustainability (point 7).



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- Organize an International Conference of **Solidarity Cities in Spain**, in the month of October and if possible also in another European country.
- **Support solidarity realities in Latin America** and explore the possibility of a gathering.

12. Operation of the Follow-up Commission of the Workshop for the promotion and coordination of the 2023 Work Plan. The Commission will be made up of the Saharawi leaders and the solidarity movement of the different countries that coordinate these issues. The Commission will have a **Coordination Secretariat** to facilitate the operation and permanent monitoring of the approved plan, as well as the calendar of scheduled meetings in coordination with the Task Force.

The Monitoring Commission will be coordinated by Carmelo Ramírez and Abdulah Arabi and **will be convened in the first fortnight of February** to establish the development of the work plan, calendar, and its execution”.

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