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Achieving a peaceful resolution – ending the escalation of violence in the Western Sahara

Morocco's military action against the peaceful protest movement of the Sahrawi people near Guerguerat to end the blockade of a road is not acceptable. Through its action, the occupying power is violating the ceasefire in place since 1991 and provoking an escalation of violence in the Western Sahara. Against the background of the ongoing fighting at several locations along the 2700-kilometre-long wall in the Western Sahara separating the occupied territories from the liberated territories, we call on the leadership of the Kingdom of Morocco and on the Sahrawi resistance movement Frente Polisario to seek a peaceful resolution of the conflict, which has existed for over 40 years. This includes the long overdue holding of a referendum to allow the self-determination of the Sahrawi people, as called for in the relevant UN resolutions. Morocco must no longer prevent this referendum and deny the last colony in Africa the right to decolonisation.

We call on the Federal Government to engage in diplomatic initiatives within the European Union, in the UN Security Council and in cooperation with the African Union to bring about an immediate end to hostilities and resurrect the ceasefire.



If the Moroccan leadership continues to prevent the holding of a referendum on the future of the Western Sahara, as it has done for the past 29 years, the free trade agreement between the EU and Morocco must be suspended. The exploitation of resources in the occupied Western Sahara must be ended. After decades of occupation and harassment, the Sahrawi people needs concrete perspectives of a life in peace, freedom and security.

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