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Fisheries Agreement Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (RASD)-European Union

a) Regarding the conclusions or the General Counsel of the Court of Justice of the EU of 10th January 2018, concluding that the fishing agreement between the European Union and Morocco is not valid, since it applies to Western Sahara and adjacent waters, according to the conclusions or the General Counsel of the Court of Justice of the EU. The EU should respect the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination and its obligation not to recognize an illegal situation resulting from the violation of that right because it is not guaranteed that the fishing exploitation benefits the Saharawi People. This conclusion is derived, according to it, that “to date, the people of Western Sahara have been deprived even of exercising the right to self-determination under the conditions established by the General Assembly of the United Nations”.

b) Having regard the fact that Western Sahara was integrated into the Kingdom of Morocco by annexation and without the people of the territory expressing their will freely, as the fishing agreement was concluded by Morocco based on the unilateral integration of Western Sahara into its territory and in the affirmation that it was Sahara’s sovereign, the Saharawi people have not freely disposed of their natural resources, which is what the right to self-determination requires.

The European Free Alliance

1. calls the European Union to cancel the Fisheries Agreement with Morocco because it applies to the territory and waters of Western Sahara and to develop all the contacts with Polisario Front to conclude, after the final decision of the Court, a new Fisheries Agreement with Saharawi legitim representative and the European Union.