Motion nr. 2

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Motion: Situation in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

The European Free Alliance,
Following the Motion on Western Sahara approved by the last General Assembly in Ajaccio,

A. Welcomes the December 21, 2016 European Court of Justice ruling [judicial proceedings initiated by Polisario] which establishes that the Association and Liberalisation Agreements concluded between Morocco and the European Union do not apply to the territory of Western Sahara.

B. Welcomes that the ruling confirms the long-established legal status of Western Sahara and highlights the Sahrawis’ right to self-determination.

C. Being aware that Morocco exploits and exports the Western Sahara’s resources, mainly phosphates, agricultural and fishery products.

D. Notes that the European institutions are now legally bound by the ECJ decision and have to implement the judgment.

E. Concerned by the fact that Morocco has recently rejoined the African Union after a 33 year absence in protest of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic membership to the AU.

F. Condemns the denial of basic political, civil and human rights to the Sahrawi, the indiscriminate incarcerations, extrajudicial killings and disappearances perpetrated by the Moroccan regime since occupation.

G. Condemns the construction and maintenance since 1975 of a 2.700 km sand Wall, “The Berm” surrounded by millions of land mines to isolate the Sahrawi people of Western Sahara for decades and force them to live in refugee camps in southern Algeria.
The European Free Alliance,

1. Requires the European Council, Commission, Parliament and European institutions as a whole to call for compliance of the ECJ judgement on the Association and Liberalisation Agreements concluded between Morocco and the European Union.

2. Requires the Kingdom of Morocco to abide by the African Union Chart which states: “to defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of African states and to help to pursue the independence of those still-colonized”.

3. Requires the European and International organizations to demand that human rights be respected by Morocco according to international law and to apply sanctions if it does not so.

4. Requires the dismantling of the wall and the demining of the zone under international control.

5. Requires the European institutions and in particular the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to engage a direct dialogue with the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and the Polisario as legitimate representatives of the Sahrawi people.

6. Calls the Governments of Spain and France to actively foster and participate in such a dialogue.