

Amendments submitted to the draft resolution "On Freedom for Western Sahara"

No	Party	Lines	Action	Current Text	Proposed Amendment	Explanation/Comment
1	EELV	13-15	replace	Western Sahara was a Spanish colony under Franco's fascist regime, until its fall in 1975. When it was handed over to Morocco and Mauritania to be divided between the two countries, the 'Liberation Front for Western Sahara' took on its fight for independence.	Since 1973 the 'Liberation Front for Western Sahara' has been fighting for their independence, first against Franco's Government, then against Morocco's after the latter's annexation of West Sahara following Franco's fall in 1975. In 1976 the Arabic Sahrawi Republic was proclaimed, recognised by Algeria amongst others. In 1984 the UA recognised the Sahrawi Republic.	It seems important to underline Polisario's struggle against Spain since 1973, as well as the recognition by Algeria, the UA
2	Miljöpartiet de gröna	13	replace	under Franco's fascist regime, until its fall in 1975.	from 1884 until the fall of the Franco fascist regime in 1975.	Was a colony from 1884 already, needs to be clarified.
3	EGP Committee	13-15	replace	When it was handed over to Morocco and Mauritania to be divided between the two countries, the 'Liberation Front for Western Sahara' took on its fight for independence.	That year, ignoring a ruling of the International Court of Justice rejecting territorial claims by Morocco and Mauritania and recognising the right to self-determination of the Saharawi people, the Moroccan King ordered a "Green March" of over 300,000 Moroccans into the territory. Spain unlawfully renounced its administrative responsibility over the territory and Morocco and Mauritania divided the country while the 'Liberation Front for Western Sahara' took on its fight for independence.	
4	Miljöpartiet de gröna	17	replace	1992	1991	

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5	EGP Committee	18-19	add	Ever since then, the population of Western Sahara is still waiting for its referendum.	Ever since then, the population of Western Sahara is still waiting for its referendum and the Moroccan settler population continues to expand.	
6	EELV	21	add	Meanwhile, between 90.000 and 125.000 people are living in refugee camps in Tindouf, which is south of Argel, and in the middle of the Sahara Desert.	Meanwhile, between 90.000 and 125.000 people are living in refugee camps in Tindouf (Algeria) , which is south of the Sahara desert	Location unknown to most people
7	EELV	22	delete	Argel, and in the middle of the Sahara Desert.	Argel, and in the Sahara Desert.	The camps are near the border of West - Sahara
8	EGP Committee	22	replace	Argel	Algeria	
9	EELV	24	add	The International community pays practically no attention to this quiet conflict, in which Morocco, France and Spain are the main actors.	The international community pays practically no attention to this quiet conflict, in which Morocco, Algeria , France, USA and Spain are the main actors.	To underline the struggle between Algeria and Morocco over this conflict, with the others as active « outsiders » ----
10	GroenLinks	24	delete	pays practically no attention to this quiet conflict, in which Morocco, France and Spain are the main actors.	pays practically no attention to this quiet conflict.	Deleting the individual states stresses the point that this situation is the responsibility of the international community.
11	EGP Committee	26	add		The EU is the main provider of assistance to the refugee but refrains from playing any political role.	
12	Miljöpartiet de gröna	28	delete	.. the situation in Western Sahara, or the “occupied territories” as called by the Sahrawis , is even worse the situation in Western Sahara is even worse ...	Not only the Sahrawis call them occupied
13	EELV	31	add	...as is the lack of freedom of speech, association, and assembly.	... as is the lack of freedom of speech, association, and assembly. Last year two high ranking envoys of the UN were refused entry into West Sahara by the Moroccan authorities.	Self explanatory

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14	EELV	37	replace	The wall is also used as a deterrent to refugees coming from other African countries, and is therefore often ignored in the European political sphere.	The wall is also used as a deterrent to refugees coming from other African countries, and is therefore often considered in the European political sphere as useful in the struggle against terrorism.	An element to be considered as one of the reasons for the lack of “interest” of the EU countries
15	Miljöparti et de gröna	37	replace	The militarisation of	The Moroccan military presence in	The Word militarisation implies armament
16	ICV	45	add	Recently, western companies have started exploring possible sites for oil exploitation in the region.	... in the region, also particularly off-shore, with all the associated environmental impacts and severe risks it entails to thousands of kilometers of coastline in different countries.	It is relevant to specify that the new wave of interest of foreign investors is mainly on the off-shore drilling expectations, as this venture has a clear environmental impact and risks associated, for instance on the fisheries perspectives. Furthermore, an eventual accident with oil spilling would certainly impact other countries, starting with the Spanish Canary islands, and EU ultraperipheric region.
17	EGP Committee	48	add	... (France being the country that invests in Morocco the most)...	... (France being the country that invests in Morocco the most and is the most supportive ally of Morocco's annexation of Western Sahara) ...	
18	GroenLinks	58	replace	Greens, stand in solidarity with the Sahwari , and demand	Greens, call for the application of international law , and demand	
19	Miljöparti et de gröna	64	replace	MINUSRO	MINURSO	Spelling error
20	EELV	64-65	replace	The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in the Western Sahara’ (MINUSRO) mandate needs to be extended,...	In the light of the unfortunate resolution of the UN Security Council of April 28, 2015 it is all the more urgent that the United Nations Mission for the referendum in the Western Sahara (MINUSRO) mandate be extended, ...	The resolution is a sham and a shame and it is only due to forceful lobbying of Morocco and a wait and see attitude on the part of the Western powers.

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21	EGP Committee	66	add	(after) ...Western Saharan territory.	We denounce the repeated obstruction by certain EU Member States to this extension, as most recently in April this year.	
22	Vihreät De Gröna	66	add	(after)...Western Saharan territory.	The territory should also be opened for other international observers, such as CSOs and media.	If monitoring is allowed at the national, regional and international level by different actors (also other than UN), human rights would be better guaranteed and the observation would be more efficient and productive. More pressure for governments to act according to human rights is created.
23	EGP Committee	70-71	replace	We demand the release of political prisoners from their unlawful detention.	We demand the release of all political prisoners and civil society activists from their unlawful detention and an end to the harassment of human rights defenders and other voices of dissent.	
24	Vihreät De Gröna	71	add	(after)...unlawful detention.	We call for a guarantee of human rights of Sahrawi people.	It is an obvious call, but should be mentioned as the promotion of human rights of Sahrawi people is the core.
25	EGP Committee	77	add	The European Union is currently supporting the occupation in various ways.	The European Union is currently supporting the occupation in various ways and therefore going against its duty of non-recognition of such situations which are illegal under international law.	
26	GroenLinks	80	delete	technology that is used in this war against the Sahwaris.	technology that is used against the Sahwaris.	It is debatable whether or not it is correct to speak of a war here. Deletion of these words make the text less subject to such a debate.

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27	GroenLinks	83-86	delete	The 'EU-Morocco Fisheries agreement' ... exiled Sahwari government.	Delete in full	This is judicially impossible, as the government in exile is not recognised by any European state as to yet. Moreover, since the Western Sahara is not, de jure, a part of Morocco, it cannot be a part of the Fisheries agreement.
28	EGP Committee	89	add new bullet		We demand the EU to take measures such as restriction of investments and trade, asset freeze and visa ban against the people and companies who are responsible for and who benefit from the occupation of Western Sahara.	
29	EGP Committee	90	add new bullet		We demand appropriate reparation be paid to the Western Saharan people, for all of the resources that have been exploited by both Moroccan and international companies and further investigation into the violations of human rights in the territory. In this line, we welcome the ongoing investigation in Spain of the crimes supposedly committed by Moroccan officials in the territory.	