

- NO U.S. ARMS TO MOROCCO -
- SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR WESTERN SAHARA -

King Hassan of Morocco is in the United States seeking weapons for use in Western Sahara against POLISARIO, which is fighting against Moroccan occupation. Among the weapons that King Hassan wants are counter-insurgency aircraft and helicopters similar to those used by the U.S. in Southeast Asia.

Western Sahara was a Spanish colony until late 1975 when Spain, Morocco and Mauritania signed the tripartite Madrid Agreement that partitioned Western Sahara between Morocco and Mauritania. POLISARIO, which led the fight against Spanish colonialism, declared the agreement null and void. The Madrid Agreement violates all standard norms for decolonization. The people of Western Sahara were not consulted, although it is well known that virtually the entire population supports independence. Thus the Western Saharan people have been denied the right to self-determination.

Since the Madrid Agreement POLISARIO has made significant victories. No country in the world recognizes Moroccan and Mauritanian claims to Western Sahara. Even Spain has renounced the accord. Yet, seventeen African countries recognize POLISARIO, including Tanzania, Nigeria and Mozambique.

Militarily, POLISARIO has made progress. Following a coup in Mauritania last spring, POLISARIO declared a ceasefire with that country. The two are currently holding negotiations. However, there can be no peace while Morocco continues its expansionist efforts.

The people of Western Sahara have suffered as a result of the war. Morocco has used genocidal tactics, including napalm. An estimated 100,000 Saharan people have fled to POLISARIO from refugee camps in Algeria.

All people and nations of the world must support the Saharan people in their fight for self-determination. Morocco must not get weapons to carry out genocide against the Saharan people.

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* END THE GENOCIDE

* SELF-DETERMINATION FOR WESTERN SAHARA

* SUPPORT POLISARIO

Ad Hoc Committee to Support Polisario

American Committee on Africa (838-5030)

Columbia Committee Against Investment in South Africa (280-5113)