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Extend the political work, to a greater extent, to the **African Union** and, in particular, to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

To link our work more closely with **African organisations**.

To support the work of Saharawi civil society with the human rights mechanisms of the African Union.

To increase reports of human rights violations against **Sahrawi women** in the occupied areas.

Greater coordination, increase **advocacy work** in international institutions and non-governmental organizations on human rights violations, in a more coordinated manner between different organizations and countries.

To continue with the **work of documentation and study** of human rights violations, both civil and political as well as economic, social and cultural. Use the results of these studies to advocate with relevant institutions.

Insist on the illegality of the Moroccan military wall.

Action for the elimination of anti-personnel mines; this work includes



supporting mine victims.

To increase the protagonism of **young Saharawi women of the diaspora** and to equip them with the tools to ensure their participation.

To facilitate and encourage the **participation of Saharawi youth** in lobbying campaigns with international organisations.

To renew and update our **discourses and practices** according to the international context.

To take advantage of SADR's **comparative advantage** over Morocco in relation to its performance in the respect and promotion of human rights.

To support the functioning of CONASADH as an institution guaranteeing human rights throughout the territory of the Saharawi Republic and make it the instrument for coordinating initiatives.

Proposal for a **popular legislative initiative** campaign for the Spanish Courts to demand the nullity of the Madrid agreements.

Bringing cases before the **special procedures** of the Human Rights Council, from different countries and also to the Ombudsman (*Defensor del Pueblo*) in the case of the Spanish State. Example cultural rights, and take advantage of cases already documented on enforced disappearance, mass graves, arbitrary detention ... Advocate that special procedures should follow cases as Non-Self-Governing Territory, without permission from Morocco.

Creation of a **platform** around the situation in Western Sahara in which not only entities of the solidarity movement participate.



Address the use of advocacy channels within the framework of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

Block of political prisoners

Focus efforts on:

- Greater visibility and denunciation of their situation in prisons.
- Ensure the presence of international observers at trials.
- That the solidarity organizations coordinate themselves, more and better, to share the follow-up and accompaniment of the cases.
- Greater protagonism and voice to the families of the prisoners.
- Material support for family visits to prisoners.
- Sending letters to prisoners to break their isolation.