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Att: Robert Klein, Chief Executive Officer

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## RE. VOLTALIA'S OPERATIONS IN WESTERN SAHARA

Dear Mr Klein,

We are writing to seek clarifications about the status of Voltalia's wind farm project near El Aaiún, referred to in Moroccan media as the "Ghrad Jrad" park.

As noted in our previous correspondence of June 2021<sup>1</sup> and July 2020<sup>2</sup>, our two associations are deeply concerned about the involvement of foreign companies in projects situated in Western Sahara, a Non-Self-Governing Territory under military occupation by Morocco. Such projects, undertaken without the consent of the Saharawi people, raise serious concerns under international law under European law.

To date, we have not received a response to either of our letters.

On 12 April 2025, Moroccan business media reported that the Ghrad Jrad wind farm near El Aaiún, reportedly developed by Voltalia, is nearing commissioning. The article attributes this information to official sources within Morocco's energy sector.<sup>3</sup>

However, we note that the project is not listed among Voltalia's projects currently under construction in the company's most recent AGM presentation (March 2025).<sup>4</sup>

In light of this, we respectfully ask the following:

1. Can Voltalia confirm or deny the information reported in the above-mentioned article regarding the commissioning of the Ghrad Jrad wind project near El Aaiún?
2. Is Voltalia involved in any capacity, directly or indirectly, in renewable energy activities in Western Sahara?
3. If so, has Voltalia obtained the consent of the Saharawi people, through their internationally recognised representation, the Frente Polisario, for such involvement?

Given the sensitivity of operating in a territory subject to a long-standing UN-led decolonisation process, we urge Voltalia to provide clarity on its position and activities in Western Sahara. Transparency is crucial,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/1716/65faf7ea93743\\_20210617WSRW-Voltalia.pdf](https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/1716/65faf7ea93743_20210617WSRW-Voltalia.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/76/601161edb5fd4\\_20200720WSRW\\_APSO-Voltalia.pdf](https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/76/601161edb5fd4_20200720WSRW_APSO-Voltalia.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Challenge, 18.04.2025, Le parc éolien Ghrad Jrad de Laâyoune s'apprête à entrer en service, <https://www.challenge.ma/le-parc-eolien-ghrad-jrad-de-laayoune-sapprete-a-entrer-en-service-300367/>

<sup>4</sup> Voltalia, 2024 Full Year Results, Projects under construction as of today, p.44, <https://www.voltalia.com/static-files/da327de2-a2da-45b1-af42-781e60cd4d09>

particularly for companies claiming to operate in line with international norms, sustainability commitments, and human rights due diligence obligations.

We would appreciate a response to this inquiry by 15 July 2025. A reference to your reply may be made on our website or in an upcoming report on Morocco's renewable projects in occupied Western Sahara.

We thank you beforehand for your consideration of our letter and look forward to your reply.

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