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RE. POTENTIAL RENEWAL OF CONTINENTAL'S SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH OCP SA

Dear Mr Friederichsen,

First of all, best wishes for 2021: may it bring happiness and - perhaps more than anything - good health. We hope this message finds you well in the current phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are writing to inquire about the status of Continental's talks with OCP SA regarding a new supply contract. As communicated before, it is of serious concern that Continental's equipment - replacement conveyor belts - would end up in occupied Western Sahara through such a contract. We refer to our previous letters for further details as to why that would be highly problematic.

As stated at the Continental AGM of July 2020, the supply contract with OCP that ended on 30 June 2020 had - at that time - not yet been extended. We would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions:

1. Has Continental renewed its supply contract with OCP?
2. If yes, are there provisions in the contract to ensure that Continental's supplies will not be used in occupied Western Sahara?
3. If no, is Continental still intent on renewing the supply contract with OCP? And if so, will it ensure that the scope of the contract is limited to Morocco proper, thus excluding occupied Western Sahara?

As you will know, the situation on the ground in Western Sahara has changed dramatically. The ceasefire agreement between Morocco and Frente Polisario has come to a halt mid-November, and armed conflict has been resumed in the territory. Notably, Germany took a leading role in tabling the matter on the agenda of the UN Security Council in December. Germany's Ambassador to the UN, Mr Christoph Heusgen, reiterated Germany's position that the conflict needed to be resolved by the rules and within the framework of international law.¹

We also refer to the decision of Epiroc, announced in October 2020, to no longer supply drilling equipment to Bou Craa phosphate mine in Western Sahara, as part of its continued partnership with OCP. We hope that Continental will draw inspiration from this decision and will act in a similar manner.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information on this concerning matter. We thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely

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¹ <https://new-york-un.diplo.de/un-en/news-corner/-/2430402>