

R27 Improving Dialogue and Cooperation in the Mediterranean

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Resolution text

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5 The Global Greens aim at reinforcing dialogue among member parties - especially
6 from different federations - by promoting a global north-south approach based on
7 mutual solidarity. The Mediterranean region, placed across three continents, is
8 a fragmented context facing unprecedented environmental and social pressures
9 leading to disruptive consequences: here the North-South divide is replicated at
10 scale.

11 On the one hand, desertification, pollution and rising sea levels are
12 complemented, among the others, by new and old international disputes, an
13 evolving demography and a labor market designed to marginalise women, young
14 people and migrants. On the other hand, the challenges posed by the ecological
15 transition will inevitably have an impact on the mutually dependent economies of
16 the region. In turn, these adjustments will affect workers and local
17 communities. In order to enable a Just Transition in the region (and globally),
18 the upcoming transformations require solutions resulting from a pluralist
19 process where environmental and social impacts are equally considered.

20 The region, confronted with geopolitical turmoils and environmental pressures,
21 is subject to instability and conflicts. As a vicious circle, environmental
22 pressure creates conflicts and, in turn, conflicts cause severe environmental
23 degradation. In reality, diversity and co-existence of different cultural and
24 social models are potentially the greatest strengths of the region. However,
25 political fragmentation hinders efforts to accomplish a collective understanding
26 of the climate fragility of the region. One way to overcome regional differences
27 stands in the historical necessity to implement a real Climate Diplomacy.

28 The challenges the region is exposed to are similar and intertwined:
29 Mediterranean green parties are in a perfect position to team up and deliver an
30 evidence-based assessment of the regional needs. In addition, they have the
31 capacity to come up with shared solutions capable of grasping the unitary,
32 though fragmented, dimension of this region.

33 Although it is apparent that the geopolitical centre of the world is shifting
34 towards Asia-Pacific, the constant evolution of the Mediterranean region will
35 not slow down. The extreme sensitivity of the region is also recognised at UN
36 level, including at COP 27, where the UfM organized the Mediterranean Pavilion.

37 Already in the past, the Global Greens have shown an interest in exploring how
38 to achieve a more structured approach to dialogue and cooperation in the
39 Mediterranean region. However, currently, green parties from Mediterranean

40 countries are lacking a forum to discuss common challenges, share knowledge and
41 formulate proposals.

42 The Global Greens, gathered in Incheon, state that:

- 43 • Green parties from the Mediterranean have gained sufficient momentum to
44 engage in multilateral dialogues and coordinate campaigns.
- 45 • Member parties are encouraged to engage in joint initiatives aimed at
46 understanding the common challenges and developing shared solutions.
- 47 • The Global greens are ready to promote dialogue and cooperation among
48 green parties and movements in the Mediterranean region.
- 49 • The Global Greens recognise Climate Diplomacy as a fundamental tool to
50 achieve a Just Transition, in the Mediterranean and globally.

Reason

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