

R8 FYEG stands firm in supporting the liberation of the people.

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1 **For years, the world has been shaped by European**
2 **and American politics; it's time to give the**
3 **Global South a prominent space in global**
4 **decision making processes.**

5 Europe has been a key-maker throughout History, and behind its back lies
6 intricate power dynamics that have not only impacted European soil, but also the
7 different countries of the Global South. At the end of the XVth century, the
8 formation of the first nation-states reshaped the European map based on ethno-
9 linguistic characteristics, creating what Benedict Anderson describes as
10 "imagined communities." For historians, the creation of the nation-state came
11 with the establishment of a permanent military force and the instauration of
12 authoritarian monarchies. This concept is deeply rooted in notions of war,
13 protectionism, and the expansion of communal values—an ideology in stark
14 contrast to the globalized world we inhabit today.

15 The process of globalization has largely failed, exacerbated by neoliberal
16 theories. Rather than fostering unity, globalization has fueled the nationalist
17 rhetoric, as seen in Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, Israel's destruction
18 of Gaza and Palestine, or Morocco's invasion of the Western Sahara—conflicts
19 deeply rooted in the manipulation of historical narratives that only serve the
20 capital and authoritarian regimes. The Global South has borne the brunt of
21 globalism's failures. In Congo, for instance, European, Chinese (controlling up
22 to 15 cobalt mines, according to Al Jazeera*) and Arabian funded companies are
23 violently extracting natural resources from one of the world's richest mineral
24 reserves, perpetuating ongoing genocide; this exploitation not only enslaves
25 local communities (generally children), but also exacerbates the climate crisis
26 through deforestation, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

27 The privileges we have as citizens of the Global North have been sustained
28 mainly by the exploitation of other regions, as well as their natural and human

29 resources, especially by colonial dynamics. FYEG is committed to challenging
30 these organizations and demanding they cease their activities in these regions.
31 We are also committed to supporting the liberation processes in the Global
32 South, which is a collective responsibility of the Global North citizens.

33 The war in Ukraine has caused severe environmental and social consequences,
34 including infrastructure destruction, displacement of millions, and extensive
35 ecological damage. Similarly, the conflict in Palestine has led to significant
36 environmental degradation, affecting water supplies, agriculture, and waste
37 management systems in Gaza. In Congo, rampant resource exploitation has resulted
38 in deforestation, biodiversity loss, and severe pollution, alongside immense
39 human suffering. This underscores the critical need for ecological preservation
40 and equitable resource distribution, ensuring local communities benefit from
41 their natural wealth. In the Western Sahara, the prolonged conflict and
42 occupation have led to significant socio-ecological impacts, including
43 desertification and restricted access to natural resources for the indigenous
44 Sahrawi people. The Artsakh-Nagorno conflict has also caused significant
45 ecological damage from military activities. Addressing these conflicts through
46 an ecosocialist lens is a must, and the only real solution to transition into a
47 world where sustainability, social justice, and ecological preservation are
48 paramount, rejecting any neoliberal approaches in favor of more human-centered
49 and environmentally conscious solutions.

50 At FYEG, along with all member organizations, we must advocate for the
51 decolonization of our minds, History, and economies. This is a crucial step to
52 counteract the nationalist rhetoric that has caused immense suffering and
53 destruction in Ukraine, Palestine, Congo, Artsakh-Nagorno, Western Sahara, and
54 many other communities. We strive for a world without dangerous borders, where
55 no human being is deemed illegal, and where globalization projects reject
56 neoliberal theories in favor of more human-centered approaches.

57 FYEG serves as a vital platform with the responsibility to amplify the needs of
58 racial communities and act as a catalyst for change within the European sphere,
59 including influential spaces like the European Youth Forum. Through this
60 resolution, we commit to efficiently and proactively support racial movements,
61 providing a space for meaningful discussion, and educating ourselves on the
62 impact our imperialistic and colonial policies had (and still have) on the
63 Global South. We pledge to be a force for equitable and inclusive change,
64 ensuring that our policies align with the aspirations, philosophies and
65 teachings of the indigenous people to the land affected.

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Reason

From Juventud Verde, we wanted to open the discussion about imperialism, and the way the politics we design in the Global North. This resolution is broad, intentionally, as it is thought to be the starting point for a deeper discussion.

Supporters

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