

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

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### **Motion text**

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.

66 References:

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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.