

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Supporters

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