

Wisby Tankers AB
Att: Mr Jonas Engström, Managing Director
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Brussels
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Re: Carriage of petroleum products into occupied Western Sahara

Dear Mr Engström,

It is a privilege to write to you again. We thank you for your mail to us on 11 June 2014 as response to our mail on 3 June 2014. It was also a pleasure to meet you in the seminar in the Swedish parliament earlier this year. We appreciate your interest in learning about the conflict that is so terribly affecting the people of the territory.

We are writing to you with regard to the continued transports of petroleum products into Western Sahara, on board the two Wisby Tankers' vessels *Wisby Argan* and *Wisby Cedar*. From our calculations of vessel traffic, the two chemical tankers have during the years 2014-2017 transported approximately the same volumes of petroleum products into the territory as was the case when we published our report *Fuelling the Occupation* in 2014.

The calculation of your company's continued transports into Western Sahara are accounted for in an article that we published on our website (www.wsrw.org) today, together with a copy of this letter.

As we described in our report in 2014, the transports of such important products into Western Sahara has complications for the resolution of the conflict.

The reason why we now review this topic, is that Western Sahara Resource Watch is currently in the process of writing a report for Emmaus Stockholm regarding overall Swedish commercial involvement in Western Sahara and of the position of Swedish government bodies. Wisby Tankers will constitute one of four business sectors that we mention in the report of private sector involvement.

The report is made in view of the judgement of the Court of Justice of the EU of 21 December 2016. As you know, the Court judged that EU-Morocco trade agreements cannot cover the territory of Western Sahara, and that the prerequisite of the legality of trade relations to the territory is that a consent has been obtained from the representative body of the people of the territory. The court repeats the decision from the International Court of Justice that the territory is distinct and separate from neighboring Morocco.

We thus wish to return to the question we asked you in our previous letter to you:

Has Wisby Tankers sought the consent of representatives of the people of Western Sahara that is, the Saharawi people themselves, regarding these shipments of petroleum? If yes, how and when?

We invite you to respond to this particular question prior to 1 July, in order to introduce it into our report. Temporary conclusions of the answers that we get from companies and Swedish government bodies will also be referred in a seminar during the Almedalsveckan in Visby on 4 July 2017.

We will be more than happy to provide you with any additional information that you may require to study this matter more closely.

Sincerely,

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