

Declaration of the Socialist International Council on the African continent

The Council of the SI, meeting on February 24 and 25, 2024, in Madrid, aware of the situation on the continent and following the significant debate on peace and security in the world, declares:

1/ Democracy and Peace

The SI is concerned about the deterioration of democratic processes in several African countries and strongly condemns these actions, calling for respect and restoration of constitutional order in the countries concerned.

The SI is also concerned about the increasing attacks on civilian populations by armed groups that sow terror. It calls for the protection of populations, strengthening international cooperation in the fight against terrorism, and the promotion of peace, security, and respect for the territorial integrity of countries and the sovereignty of states, especially in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, and the Great Lakes region.

2/ Human Rights

The Socialist International, aware of the serious human rights situation in different parts of the world, the lack of respect for rights and freedoms in many countries, as well as the risk of genocide on the continent, calls on the international community, organizations such as the UN, the Security Council, the Human Rights Council, and regional organizations to prioritize public and individual rights and freedoms and to be more active in their protection and defense.

3/ Development and Environmental Protection

Conscious of both the natural and human wealth of the continent and the risks of exploitation of these resources, the loss of human capital due to wars, poverty, discrimination, especially against women, children, minorities, and people with specific needs, the Socialist International stands in solidarity with peoples and individuals threatened by precariousness and supports all actions involving the preservation of the continent's resources and assets.

The Socialist International calls for the fight against illegal immigration, forced displacement of populations, and human trafficking. The SI also calls for a fierce fight against drug and arms trafficking on the continent.