



DIALOGUES

A DIALOGUE ON *FRONT POLISARIO*

FOREWORD

In an earlier issue, *European Papers* hosted a comment by Eva Kassoti on the Court of Justice's decision in case C-104/16 P, *Council of the European Union v. Front Polisario*.

The comment has triggered a number of reactions, some of which requesting that the critical points it made be counterbalanced by different views. Aware of the many controversial issues entailed by the decision, the current issue of *European Papers* offers a wider range of opinions, brought together in this *Dialogue*. To attain this goal, an exception to the linguistic regime of the *e-Journal* proved to be necessary. Some contributions were submitted spontaneously, others were invited.

The various contributions unfold along an invisible thread, keeping together topics such as the legal consequences of serious breaches of collective interests and values of the international community, the tension between these interests and values and the recurrently re-emerging *raison d'Etat*, the role of the European Union as an actor in international relations and as a promoter of the development of international law, and the relations between its political and judicial Institutions in shaping the European lines of foreign affairs.

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