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**VECINOS UNIDOS CANARIOS JOINS THE OEAS**

**OEAS CALLS FOR DECOLINIZATION OF THE CANARY ISLANDS**

Washington DC: The Vecinos Unidos Canarios has been inducted as a full member of the Organization of Emerging African States (OEAS) representing the Canary Islands. The OEAS is an international non government organization that supports self determination in Africa and includes 11 other members including Cabinda, Biafra, Southern Cameroons, and the Rif Independence Movement.

The OEAS supports full self determination for the Canary Islands (Tenerife, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, La Palma, La Gomera, El Hierro, La Graciosa, Alegranza, Isla de Lobos, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este and Roque del Oeste) which are located just off the northwest coast of Africa and currently ruled by Spain. Local support for self determination in the Canary Islands has been growing in recent years and independence is considered a viable alternative to Spanish misrule.

The OEAS also supports the call for the United Nations to declare the Canary Islands a territory to be decolonized and for an investigation of historic Spanish civil rights abuses in the islands. OEAS Secretary General Ebenezer Akwanga and Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Jonathan Levy note the OEAS stands ready to monitor the situation should the Spanish government attempt to interfere with the growing support for independence.

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