**EJERCICIO 5. Artículo.**

**An Arab people’s revolution.**

*Cairo 13-Octuber-2011*. Today the World is witnessing a new revolution in the North of Africa. It is being led neither political parties nor the military establishment, but also by young people and quickly disseminated by the new technologies and the Internet.

Looking back to the History, Maghreb countries raised from European colonialism. National revolutions brought unique-party regimes with the promise of a change from their former semi-slavery situation focusing on sectors like agriculture or industry. But very soon, all those promises of a better society faded out under the influence of the corruption, turning to dictatorial States, where repression was a permanent way of communication toward their citizens.

Although such a situation was unfair, the only-one-party democracies from northern Africa were supported, and even encouraged by West powers. Now and then, the flow of petroleum and gas from fields are crucial for Europe, whilst its politicians, in a hypocrite attitude, take care of geostrategic affairs rather than people’s development.

By today, the revolts demand true democratic changes to achieve people’s expectations to emulate European democracies. But on the contrary, what it is really happening is that some rising Islamists groups are taking this advantage to lead the changes in their own benefit. At the moment, experts do not dare to make any prediction of near future for this area.

If revolts had not succeeded, the western countries would have supported them without any worries, remaining in the same situation than past decades. But on the other hand, if the current riots drove to extremist regimes, the Allied powers would turn to a defensive status, or even to execute preventive actions to this evident threat.

In the meantime, European public opinion are all for their Governments to support true democratic changes in this theatre in a wisely way, where patronizing not to be far visible.

Otherwise, from the geostrategic point of view, West security could be seriously compromised if neighbor countries would turn to intolerant regimes, they likely might become an extension from the Persian Gulf powers.

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