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PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, 1981-1985,
DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION:

(c) THE SITUATION OF WOMEN REFUGEES THE WORLD OVER

Assistance to Sahrawi women

Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cuba, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,
Madagascar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Viet Nam: draft resolution

The World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,
Development and Peace,

Reaffirming the principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations
and particularly the right of all peoples to self-determination,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing
the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Mindful of the profound concern of the United Nations Organization, the
Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries about the
decolonization of the Western Sahara and the right of its people to self-
determination,

Seriously concerned about the situation of the people of the Western Sahara,
and especially Sahrawi refugee women, resulting from the continuing occupation of
their territory by Morocco,

Considering that Sahrawi refugee women are forced to live under difficult
conditions because of that occupation,

1. Expresses its solidarity with and support for the just struggle of the
Sahrawi people, under the leadership of its sole representative the Frente
Popular for the liberation of Saguia El Hamra and Rio de Oro (Frente Polisario),
for self-determination and independence;

2. Expresses the hope that the efforts made in the Organization of African Unity will contribute to the realization of the inalienable national rights of the people of the Western Sahara;

3. Also expresses the hope that any settlement of the problem of the Western Sahara will make it possible to alleviate the particularly distressing living conditions of the Sahrawi women refugees;

4. Calls upon women throughout the world to redouble their efforts at the national, regional and international levels to help the Sahrawi women to regain their rights and dignity;

5. Invites the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to include in his assistance programmes practical measures for improving the living conditions of the Sahrawi women refugees and their children;

6. Appeals to the international organizations concerned to initiate assistance programmes for Sahrawi women and their children in the fields of education, training and health.