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THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

1993/... Question of Western Sahara

The Commission on Human Rights,

Having considered the question of Western Sahara,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling its earlier resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 1992/18 of 28 February 1992,

Recalling also the agreement in principle given on 30 August 1988 by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y Río de Oro to the proposals of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the current Chairman of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, in the framework of their joint mission of good offices,

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Recalling further Security Council resolutions 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988, 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990, 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 and 725 (1991) of 31 December 1991 relating to the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling with satisfaction the entry into force of the cease-fire in Western Sahara on 6 September 1991, in accordance with the proposal of the Secretary-General accepted by both parties,

Noting with satisfaction the appointment, on 23 March 1992, of Mr. Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the question of Western Sahara,

Taking note with satisfaction of the part relating to Western Sahara in the Final Declaration of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-aligned Countries, held in Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992,

<u>Having examined</u> the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/47/23 (Part V), chap. IX),

<u>Having also examined</u> the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/506),

<u>Takes note with appreciation</u> of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. <u>Pays tribute</u> to the Secretary-General for his action with a view to settling the question of Western Sahara through the implementation of the settlement plan;

3. <u>Reaffirms its support</u> for the efforts which the Secretary-General will continue to make for the organization and supervision by the United Nations, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, in accordance with resolutions 658 (1990) and 690 (1991) in which the Security Council adopted the settlement plan for the question of Western Sahara;

4. <u>Endorses</u> the content of the letter dated 31 August 1992 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General (S/24504), in which the members of the Council express the view that both parties must scrupulously abide by the cease-fire and abstain from any provocative behaviour endangering the settlement plan, and express the hope that both parties will extend their full cooperation to the Secretary-General and the Special Representative in their efforts to achieve speedy progress in the implementation of the plan and that they will make extraordinary efforts to ensure the success of the plan;

5. <u>Recalls</u> that the General Assembly has requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara, bearing in mind the ongoing referendum process, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

6. <u>Decides</u> to follow the development of the situation in Western Sahara and to consider the question at its fiftieth session, as a matter of high priority, under the agenda item entitled "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation".
