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The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions on the question of Western Sahara,

<u>Recalling</u> the statement of the President of the Security Council of 19 March 1997 (S/PRST/1997/16) on the situation concerning Western Sahara and the designation of a Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General to the region,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Secretary-General of 5 May 1997 (S/1997/358) and <u>welcoming in particular</u> the intention of the Secretary-General to evaluate the situation in the light of the findings and recommendations to be provided by his Personal Envoy,

1. <u>Reiterates</u> its commitment to the holding, without further delay, of a free, fair and impartial referendum for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in accordance with the Settlement Plan, which has been accepted by the parties;

2. <u>Decides</u> to extend the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) until 30 September 1997;

3. <u>Urges</u> the parties to continue to cooperate with the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General in his mission as outlined by the Secretary-General, and to demonstrate the political will to overcome the persisting stalemate, and find an acceptable solution;

4. <u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council informed of progress in the situation and to submit to the Council, by 15 September 1997, a comprehensive report on the results of his evaluation of all aspects of the Western Sahara issue;

5. <u>Decides</u> to remain seized of the matter.

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