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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON  
THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO  
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

SECURITY COUNCIL  
Thirty-sixth year

Letter dated 14 September 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to circulate, as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 19 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council, the attached decision No. AHG/IMP.C/WS/DEC.1 (1) adopted by the Implementation Committee on Western Sahara of the Organization of African Unity at its first ordinary session, held at Nairobi from 24 to 26 August 1981.

(Signed) Charles Gatere MAINA  
Permanent Representative of Kenya  
and Representative of  
the Organization of African Unity

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ANNEX

DECISION OF THE OAU IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
ON WESTERN SAHARA

The OAU Implementation Committee on Western Sahara, meeting in its First Session in Nairobi from 24 to 26 August 1981, pursuant to Res. AHG/Res.103 (XVIII),

Having heard the concerned and interested parties;

Having taken into consideration the results of the consultations held by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries, members of the Implementation Committee;

Taking note of the views expressed by the various delegations of the Implementation Committee;

Expressing satisfaction at the positive participation of the parties to the conflict;

Conscious of the need for all the parties concerned to cooperate for the successful implementation of Resolution AHG/Res.103 (XVIII), of the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of OAU Heads of State and Government, held in Nairobi, so as to attain the objectives laid down in the resolution and make the parties concerned agree on the steps to be taken in the context of that resolution;

Taking into consideration the need for the United Nations to participate in the Referendum and Cease-fire by virtue of resolution AHG/Res.103 (XVIII), adopted by the Eighteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of OAU Heads of State and Government, held in Nairobi, in June 1981 :

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DECIDES to organise and conduct a general and free Referendum in the Western Sahara, establish and maintain the Cease-fire, as follows :

a) Referendum

- I. The Referendum shall be one of self-determination which will enable the people of Western Sahara to express themselves freely and democratically on the future of their territory.
- II. The Referendum shall be held in the Western Sahara (ex-Spanish Sahara) the maps of which were deposited with the United Nations.
- III. All Saharawis listed in the Census conducted in 1974 by the Spanish authorities who have attained the age of 18 or above, shall be eligible to vote in the Referendum. In determining the Saharawi refugee population in the neighbouring countries, reference should be made to the records of the UNHCR. In establishing the population of the Western Sahara, account shall be taken of the internationally-recognised rate of population growth.
- IV. The voting shall be by secret ballot on the basis of one person one vote.
- V. The people of the Western Sahara shall be given the following choice :
  - (a) Independence, or
  - (b) Integration with Morocco.

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b) Structural Requirements

- I. The referendum shall be organised and conducted by the Implementation Committee in collaboration with the U.N.
- II. For a fair and impartial organisation of the Referendum, an impartial Interim Administration supported by Civilian, Military and Police components shall be set up.
- III. The Interim Administration shall work in collaboration with existing administrative structures in the area.
- IV. The Interim Administration shall also be assisted by an adequate number of O.A.U. and/or U.N. Peace-keeping Force.

c) Cease-Fire

- I. The Committee urges the parties in conflict to agree on a cease-fire through negotiations under the auspices of the Implementation Committee.
- II. All the parties concerned shall undertake to respect the cease-fire and maintain it after the proclamation of the date fixed by the Implementation Committee.
- III. For the fair conduct of the Referendum and the strict observance of the Cease-fire, troops of the parties to the conflict should be effectively confined to their bases in conformity with the recommendations of the Fifth Session of the Ad Hoc Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 9 to 11 September, 1980.
- IV. The Peace-keeping Forces shall be stationed in the area so as to guarantee the cease-fire.

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d) Financing of the Implementation of the Decision

The O.A.U. Current Chairman shall consult the U.N. in order to determine the U.N. involvement in the implementation of this decision including its financing.

e) General Principles

- I. All the parties undertake to respect the results of the Referendum.
  - II. Neighbouring countries undertake to respect the results of the Referendum and to abstain from interfering in the internal affairs of other countries.
  - III. The Implementation Committee shall announce the results of the Referendum.
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