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New York

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| <i>President:</i> | Mr. Owada | (Japan) |
| <i>Members:</i> | Bahrain | Mr. Al-Dosari |
| | Brazil | Mr. Valle |
| | China | Mr. Shen Guofang |
| | Costa Rica | Mr. Sáenz Biolley |
| | France | Mr. Dejammet |
| | Gabon | Mr. Nkazengany |
| | Gambia | Mr. Sallah |
| | Kenya | Mr. Amolo |
| | Portugal | Mr. Monteiro |
| | Russian Federation | Mr. Fedotov |
| | Slovenia | Mr. Türk |
| | Sweden | Mr. Dahlgren |
| | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Mr. Richmond |
| | United States of America | Ms. Soderberg |

Agenda

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/316)

The meeting was called to order at 4.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara, document S/1998/316.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1998/331, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless

I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1163 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.