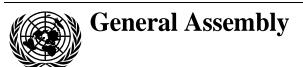
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Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 20 September 2000 from Mohamed Salem Ali Omar Bahia addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

As a former sheikh (Laâroussyenne tribe) who participated in the work of the Identification Commission of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee as a petitioner on the question of Western Sahara.

(Signed) Mohamed Salem Ali Omar Bahia

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