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**(Fourth Committee)**

Agenda item 18

**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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