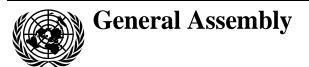
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Question of Western Sahara

Request for hearing

Letter dated 13 September 2000 from Antonio López Ortiz, President of the Observatorio del Estado Español por un Referéndum Libre en el Sáhara Occidental, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

I have the honour to request your authorization to make a statement before the Fourth Committee, in order to transmit to this highly respected body the concerns of the monitoring centre I represent.

(Signed) Antonio López **Ortiz** President of the Observatorio del Estado Español por un Referéndum Libre en el Sáhara Occidental

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