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**Special Political and Decolonization Committee**  
**(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 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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