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INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia:
draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered thoroughly the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in conformity with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having considered the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 1/

Having heard the statements made on the subject of Western Sahara, including the statement by the representative of the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO),

Bearing in mind the profound concern of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries regarding the decolonization of Western Sahara and the right of the people of that Territory to self-determination,

1/ A/34/23/Add.3, chap. X.

Recalling its resolution 33/27 of 1 December 1978 regarding co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Taking note of the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 17 to 20 July 1979, 2/ and endorsing the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Organization of African Unity on the question of Western Sahara,

Also taking note of the peace agreement concluded between Mauritania and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro on 10 August 1979 3/ and the decision of Mauritania to withdraw its forces from Western Sahara, 4/

Aware of the profound concern of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries at the aggravation of the situation prevailing in Western Sahara because of the continuation and extension of the occupation of that Territory,

Recalling the paragraphs dealing with the question of Western Sahara in the Political Declaration adopted by the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, 5/

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of its struggle to secure the enjoyment of that right as provided in the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and in conformity with the objectives of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the decision on the question of Western Sahara adopted by the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session held at Monrovia;

3. Also takes note with satisfaction of the relevant declaration of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the question of Western Sahara;

4. Welcomes the peace agreement concluded between Mauritania and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro and considers that this agreement constitutes an important contribution to the peace process with a view to a definitive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Western Sahara;

2/ A/34/552, annex III, decision AHG/Dec.114 (XVI).

3/ A/34/427-S/13503, annex I.

4/ Ibid., annex II.

5/ A/34/542, annex, sect. I, paras. 96 to 98.

5. Deeply deplores the aggravation of the situation resulting from the continuation of the occupation of Western Sahara by Morocco and the extension of this occupation to the territory recently evacuated by Mauritania;

6. Demands the withdrawal of the occupation forces and respect for the territorial integrity of Western Sahara and the sovereignty of its people in order to ensure the complete and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

7. Recommends that the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro, the sole and legitimate representative of the people of Western Sahara, should participate fully in any search for a just, lasting and definitive political solution of the question of Western Sahara, in conformity with the resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries;

8. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara as a priority question and to report on this subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

9. Requests the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress achieved with regard to the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity concerning Western Sahara;

10. Invites the Secretary-General to follow closely the situation in Western Sahara and to submit a report on the question of Western Sahara to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
