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TITLE/ TÍTULO/ TITRE:	Resolution on Western Sahara- Africa's Last Colony
ORGANIZATION/ ORGANIZACIÓN/ ORGANISATION:	UJSARIO
COUNTRY/ PAÍS/ PAYS:	Western Sahara

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- 1 Western Sahara is considered as Africa's last colony, which has been on the UN decolonization  
2 list since 1960s. At the time, the territory was under Spanish colonial rule. However, since 1975  
3 and after years of war and Spain's abandonment of the territory and its responsibilities in the  
4 situation, two third of Western Sahara became occupied by the Kingdom of Morocco. Despite  
5 over a hundred resolutions stating the right of self-determination for the Saharawi people, the  
6 occupation still continues to this day. In 1992 a referendum was supposed to take place to  
7 give the Saharawis the right to decide over their own fate. No referendum, thus far, has been  
8 organized due to Morocco's refusal to accept a free Western Sahara. Western Sahara has been  
9 recognized by over 80 countries and is a member of the African Union. Neither the United  
10 Nations (UN) nor the African Union (AU) or any country in the world, recognizes Morocco's  
11 claims of sovereignty over Western Sahara. Morocco claims that Western Sahara (in the pre-  
12 colonial period) was part of the historic Moroccan Kingdom. This, however, was clearly rejected  
13 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in its Advisory Opinion of 16 October 1975. The legal  
14 status of Western Sahara in the 4th Committee of United Nations General assembly (UNGA) is  
15 clear: it is a non-self-governing territory awaiting decolonization through a fair and transparent  
16 referendum on self-determination. The Saharawi people have suffered too long without the  
17 international community taking its responsibility to ensure that freedom, equality and  
18 democracy are truly implemented and upheld in the case of Western Sahara.  
19 Our demands, therefore, during this gathering are:  
20 • That United Nations urgently expedite the resolution of the issue of Western Sahara by taking  
21 all the necessary measures for the organization of a referendum for self-determination of the  
22 people of Western Sahara in accordance with the relevant African Union decisions and United  
23 Nations Resolutions;



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- 24 • Respect of international human rights law in the occupied territories of Western Sahara,  
25 notably the right to freedom of association, assembly, protest, movement and expression;  
26 • That the mandate of MINURSO should be expanded to incorporate a human rights monitoring  
27 and documenting mechanism;  
28 • Respect of international humanitarian law and support for the provision of humanitarian  
29 assistance to the Saharawi refugees in a way that is predictable, sustainable and timely;  
30 • The release of all Saharawi political prisoners in different Moroccan prisons;  
31 • Put an end to the illegal exploitations of the natural resources of Western Sahara in the  
32 illegally occupied territories and the discouragement of the involvement of foreign companies,  
33 especially European, in such activities.

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