Sixty-first session
Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)
Agenda item 39
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Cuba, Dominica, Fiji,
Grenada, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria,
Rwanda, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Uganda, United Republic of
Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

Question of Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered in depth the question of Western Sahara,

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

Recalling its resolution 60/114 of 8 December 2005,

Recalling also all resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security
Council on the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990 and
690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council approved the settlement plan for
Western Sahara,¹

Council expressed its support of the peace plan for self-determination of the people
of Western Sahara² as an optimum political solution on the basis of agreement


Taking note of the responses of the parties and neighbouring States to the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General concerning the peace plan contained in the report of the Secretary-General of 23 May 2003, 3

Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations towards the people of Western Sahara,

Noting with satisfaction the entry into force of the ceasefire in accordance with the proposal made by the Secretary-General, and stressing the importance it attaches to the maintenance of the ceasefire as an integral part of the settlement plan,

Underlining, in this regard, the validity of the settlement plan, while noting the fundamental differences between the parties in its implementation,

Stressing that the lack of progress in the settlement of the dispute on Western Sahara continues to cause suffering to the people of Western Sahara, remains a source of potential instability in the region and obstructs the economic development of the Maghreb region and that, in view of this, the search for a political solution is critically needed,

Welcoming the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy in search of a mutually acceptable political solution, which will provide for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara,

Having examined 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, 4

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General, 5

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 5

2. Underlines Security Council resolution 1495 (2003), in which the Council expressed its support of the peace plan for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara as an optimum political solution on the basis of agreement between the two parties;

3. Underlines also that the parties reacted differently to this plan;

4. Continues to support strongly the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to achieve a mutually acceptable political solution to the dispute over Western Sahara;

5. Commends the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy for their outstanding efforts and the two parties for the spirit of cooperation they have shown in the support they provide for those efforts;

6. Calls upon all the parties and the States of the region to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy;

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4 See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/60/23), chap. VIII.
5 A/60/116.
7. **Reaffirms** the responsibility of the United Nations towards the people of Western Sahara;

8. **Calls upon** the parties to cooperate with the International Committee of the Red Cross in its efforts to solve the problem of the fate of the people unaccounted for, and calls upon the parties to abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law to release without further delay all those held since the start of the conflict;

9. **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 and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

10. **Invites** the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.