



Resolution on Western Sahara

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The General Assembly of the European Youth Forum, held in Salzburg, from 1 to 4 October 1998,

Making conjunction of all the work realised by the European youth organisations in solidarity with the Saharawi people and Youth, specially in reference to the Resolution approved in the Third Session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System held in Braga, as well as the Third International Youth Conference in Solidarity with Saharawi people and Youth, realised in the framework of the World Youth Festival held in Lisbon,

Being aware of the urgent necessity of solving the conflict of Western Sahara on the basis of the respect to the Saharawi people right to self-determination,

Taking into account that the Western Sahara problem is a problem of decolonisation, process that was interrupted by its occupation by Morocco in 1975,

On the basis of the Peace Plan in Western Sahara, approved in the resolutions 658 and 691 of the Security Council of the United Nations about the MINURSO creation and the organisation of a free and fair referendum without any administrative or military pressure,

Considering the reached agreements in direct negotiations between the Polisario Front and the Kingdom of Morocco, through the mediation of Mr. James Baker III, former United States Secretary of State, in London, Lisbon and Houston, with the attendance of observer countries as Algeria and Mauritania, and supported by the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1108, 1133, 1148.

- 1. Congratulates Mr. Koffi Annan and his special representatives Mr. James Baker, Mr Erik Jensen and Mr. Charles F. Dunbar, for the results achieved, as well as Morocco and the Polisario Front for their co-operation that has allowed to unlock the process of voters identification.**

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- 2. Calls Morocco to stop violating human rights in the occupied Western Sahara and to make it possible for international observers to follow the process from now on in order to make a free and fair referendum possible.**

- 3. Asks the two parts in conflict to keep the co-operation spirit in the current phase of setting of the Peace Plan, with its best wishes for the next direct contacts.**

- 4. Asks the United Nations for:**
 - A strong administration, with prerogatives and enough means in order to carry out its commitment,**
 - To facilitate the presence of international and independent non-governmental youth observers during the transitory phase in order to guarantee a fair and clear referendum**

- 1. Asks the European institutions for an active participation in the creation and support of a climate in the region that made possible the celebration of the self-determination referendum, supported the United Nations and direct contacts between the parts, and expressing the interest of Europe in a Maghreb with no armed conflicts.**

- 2. Asks the international organisations for the strictest follow-up of the parts in observance of the Human Rights and Code of Conduct established by the Houston Agreements, in order to guarantee the appropriate climate for the referendum celebration.**

- 3. Asks the Youth Forum members to:**
 - approve the resolutions and motions in their meetings,**
 - organise tours and awareness-raising actions, jointly with the Saharawi youth organisation,**
 - in particular, to promote the participation of their members in the body of international youth observers for the referendum.**

- 1. Asks the Youth Forum, as long as it can, the co-ordination and the support of the work of its member organisations in the resolution of this conflict.**