
Draft Resolution

The Security Council,

[pp1] *Recalling* and *reaffirming* all its previous resolutions on Western Sahara,

[pp2] *Reaffirming* its strong support for the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to implement resolutions 1754 (2007), 1783 (2007), 1813 (2008), 1871 (2009), ~~and~~ 1920 (2010), and 1979 (2011),

[pp3] *Reaffirming* its commitment to assist the parties to achieve a just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in the context of arrangements consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and *noting* the role and responsibilities of the parties in this respect,

[pp4] *Reiterating* its call upon the parties and States of the region to cooperate more fully with the United Nations and with each other and to strengthen their involvement to end the current impasse and to achieve progress towards a political solution,

[pp5] *Welcoming* the efforts of the Secretary-General to keep all peacekeeping operations, including MINURSO, under close review and reiterating the need for the Council to pursue a rigorous, strategic approach to peacekeeping deployments,

[pp6] *Expressing serious concern* about the ~~increase in~~ violations of existing agreements, and calling on the parties to respect their relevant obligations,

[pp7] *Taking note* of the Moroccan proposal presented on 11 April 2007 to the Secretary-General and *welcoming* serious and credible Moroccan efforts to move the process forward towards resolution; also *taking note* of the Polisario Front proposal presented 10 April 2007 to the Secretary-General,

[pp8] *Encouraging* ~~Inviting~~ in this context, the parties to demonstrate further political will towards a solution including by expanding upon their discussion of each other's proposals,

[pp9] *Taking note* of the four rounds of negotiations held under the auspices of the Secretary-General, and the continued rounds of informal talks, in Manhasset

~~(United States), and Meliha (Malta),~~ and *welcoming* the progress made by the parties to enter into direct negotiations,

[pp10] *Welcoming* the progress made by the parties' agreement to explore in discussing innovative negotiating approaches and discrete subjects, their commitment to deepen the discussions on these and other issues, and the 9 November 2011 meeting of the parties on natural resources and progress made towards demining;

[pp11] *Welcoming* the positive conclusion of the 12-16 September 2011 UNHCR-sponsored seminar on Hassaniya culture and the agreement by the parties to hold two additional seminars in 2012, as well as the holding of a UNHCR-facilitated high-level meeting on Confidence Building Measures for Western Sahara on 24-25 January 2012,

[pp12] *Stressing* the importance of improving the human rights situation in Western Sahara and the Tindouf camps, and encouraging the parties to work with the international community to develop and implement independent and credible measures to ensure full respect for human rights, bearing in mind their relevant obligations under international law,

[pp13] *Welcoming* the establishment opening of a National Council on Human Rights Commissions operating in Morocco Dakhla and its proposed component in Western Sahara Laayoune, and the steps taken by Morocco in order to fulfill and the its commitment of Morocco to ensure unqualified and unimpeded access to all Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council,

[pp14] *Also welcoming* the implementation of the enhanced refugee protection program developed by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in coordination with the Polisario Front, which will include includes refugee and human rights training and awareness initiatives,

[pp15] *Reiterating the Requesting that* UNHCR ~~to~~ maintain its consideration of a refugee registration in the Tindouf refugee camps,

[pp16] *Welcoming* ~~the agreement of the parties expressed in the Communiqué of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara of 18 March 2008 and~~ Looking forward to the implementation of the updated plan of action on confidence building measures adopted in Geneva 24-25 January 2012, including the inauguration of family visits by land, use of new information technology to facilitate communication links between families, and the continuation and expansion of the existing programme by air, and encouraging the

parties to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in implementing their agreement,

[pp17] *Welcoming* the commitment of the parties to continue the process of negotiations through the United Nations-sponsored talks,

[pp18] *Recognizing* that the consolidation of the status quo is not acceptable ~~in the long term~~, and *noting further* that progress in the negotiations is essential in order to improve the quality of life of the people of Western Sahara in all its aspects,

[pp19] *Affirming* support for the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy for Western Sahara Ambassador Christopher Ross; and his work in facilitating negotiations between the parties, ~~also~~ *welcoming* his ongoing consultations with the parties and neighboring states, and looking forward to his regional visit in the near future, including to Western Sahara, as per the communiqué of the Informal Meeting on Western Sahara 11-13 March 2012.

[pp20] *Affirming* support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara and Head of MINURSO Hany Abdel-aziz,

[pp21] *Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of ~~4511~~ April ~~2011~~2012 (S/2011/2492012/197),

1. Decides to extend the mandate of MINURSO until 30 April 2013;

~~2.~~ *Reaffirms* the need for full respect of the military agreements reached with the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) with regard to the ceasefire and *calls* on the parties to adhere fully to those agreements;

~~23.~~ *Calls upon* all parties to cooperate fully with the operations of MINURSO, including its free interaction with interlocutors, and to take the necessary steps to ensure the security of as well as unhindered movement and immediate access for the United Nations and associated personnel in carrying out their mandate, in conformity with existing agreements; ~~;~~

~~34.~~ *Welcomes* the parties' commitment to continue the process of holding small, informal talks in preparation for a fifth round of negotiations, and *recalls* its endorsement of the recommendation in the report of 14 April 2008 (S/2008/251) that realism and a spirit of compromise by the parties are essential to achieve progress in negotiations;

45. *Calls* upon the parties to continue to show political will and work in an atmosphere propitious for dialogue in order to enter into a more intensive and substantive phase of negotiations, thus ensuring implementation of resolutions 1754 (2007), 1783 (2007), 1813 (2008), 1871 (2009), ~~and 1920 (2010), and 1979 (2011)~~ and the success of negotiations, inter alia, by continuing their discussion of devoting attention to the ideas in paragraph 120 of the Secretary General's report (S/2011/249);

56. *Affirms* its strong support for the commitment of the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy towards a solution to the question of Western Sahara in this context and calls for~~welcomes the resumption of an~~ intensified pace of meetings and strengthening of contacts;

67. *Calls* upon the parties to continue negotiations under the auspices of the Secretary-General without preconditions and in good faith, taking into account the efforts made since 2006 and subsequent developments, with a view to achieving a just, lasting, and mutually acceptable political solution, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in the context of arrangements consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and noting the role and responsibilities of the parties in this respect;

78. *Invites* Member States to lend appropriate assistance to these talks;

89. AD REF *Requests* the Secretary-General to ~~keep brief~~ the Security Council ~~informed~~ on a regular basis, and at least twice a year, on the status and progress of these negotiations under his auspices, on the implementation of this resolution, challenges to MINURSO's operations and steps taken to address them, and further requests the Secretary-General keep it informed on the status and progress of these negotiations under his auspices and *expresses* its intention to meet to receive and discuss his ~~reports briefings; and in this regard, further requests~~ the Secretary-General to provide a report on the situation in Western Sahara well before the end of the mandate period;

10. *Welcomes* the commitment of the parties and the neighbouring states to hold periodic meetings with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to review and, where possible, expand confidence-building measures;

11. *Urges* Member States to provide voluntary contributions to fund confidence-building measures that allow for ~~increased contact~~visits between separated family members, ~~especially family visits~~, as well as for other confidence-building measures ~~that may be~~ agreed upon between parties;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance in MINURSO with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges troop-contributing countries to take appropriate preventive action including pre-deployment awareness training, and other action to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

13. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.