

ORAL QUESTION H-0156/03

for Question Time at the part-session in April 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Western Sahara dispute

After Cyprus and Palestine, the Western Sahara dispute is the longest-standing dispute still pending within the UN, and the last major decolonisation process.

On 30 July 2002, the UN Security Council unanimously approved resolution 1429 on the Western Sahara. It underlines the validity of the UN plan for resolving the dispute as the democratic, peaceful and lasting solution. International law demands a fair referendum, which should have been held in 1992.

Given this resolution and all the previous UN resolutions on the dispute, and the fact that the Kingdom of Morocco is clearly obstructing the implementation of the appeal stage leading to the referendum,

What measures are being discussed within the Council with regard to the political dialogue with Morocco, to ensure that the referendum is held without further delays and with international guarantees?

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